

BLACKFORD COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES OF

February 5, 2020

The Blackford County Council met at 6:00 p.m. on the first floor of the Blackford County Courthouse located at 110 W Washington Street, Hartford City, Indiana for the regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2020.

President Dan Borgenheimer called the meeting to order.

Those members answering roll were Dan Borgenheimer, Kyle Lechien, Ryan Goodspeed, Jack Beckley and Patrick Cale. Fred Tobey and Karen Mealy were absent.

Also present were: Tyler Hunt, Kelly Cale, Jeff Sones, Anne Owen, Warren Brown, Cheri Brown, John Oxley, Sam Swenson, Jim Heflin, Bruce Edgington, Aaron Henderson, Paul Krause and Auditor Sharon Hartley.

The minutes of the January 8, 2020 Regular Council meeting were approved as Presented on a motion by Kyle Lechien and 2nd by Ryan Goodspeed. The vote was 3/0. Jack Beckley and Patrick Cale were absent 1/8/2020 and Fred Tobey and Karen Mealy were absent at this meeting.

Committee Reports:

Community Corrections -- Kyle Lechien reported a good meeting and numbers are up.

Solid Waste -- Sharon Hartley reported as Dan Borgenheimer was absent from the meeting. 2020 Officers were elected. Nick Rhodes is President; John Oxley is Vice President. The board will meet 2-3 more times this year.

Economic Development -- Ryan Goodspeed and Warren Brown reported a hotel is interested in Blackford County. A housing study will be done to determine housing needs in the future. Four industries are expanding.

Highway Supervisor Bruce Edgington reported the new signs will be going up soon per the state grant that was awarded to Blackford County. Once the signs are up, he is requesting Drainage Board Secretary Sam Swenson be approved to work for his department to create a data base of all of the new signs and their location. Swenson will then train Highway personnel on how to use the data base. Edgington explained that Swenson will continue her full-time duties with the Surveyor and work for the Highway Department will be paid at her current rate. The first 5 hours per week will be paid at straight time and any hours over 40 total (Surveyor and Highway) will be at the overtime rate. Ryan Goodspeed moved to approve the request and Jack Beckley 2nd. The vote was 5/0.

Commissioner John Oxley requested Planning/Zoning Director position be made full-time. P&Z Director Anne Owen gave Council a list of duties of the position. BCEDC Director Warren Brown listed new duties that will be the responsibility of the P&Z office due to planned growth in the county. Fees for the office are being reviewed. Local businessman Paul Krause commented that Blackford County fees are lower than any county around here. Jack Beckley asked the topic be tabled until the next meeting. Members agreed and ask for financial impact information.

BZA Appointment: Jack Beckley made a motion to re-appoint Richard Thurman to the Board of Zoning Appeals board. Ryan Goodspeed 2nd and the vote was 5/0.

Auditor Hartley mentioned an opportunity to move some money from County General to the Rainy-Day fund. Council asked for more detailed information at the next meeting.

Financial Reports for COUNTY GENERAL was given:

Ending Cash Balance as of 1/31/2020	\$ 3,343,956.14
Total Expenditures for January 2020	\$ 463,531.71
Total Revenue for January 2020	\$ 180,688.06

Additional Appropriations: (due to raise given by State grant)

2505 Community Corrections Project Income (due to state issued raise):

Group Insurance \$314.75
Director \$1,121.90
Deputy Director \$1,009.85
Extra Help \$1,045.50
Case Manager \$947.40
Overtime \$26.65
FICA \$315.55
PERF \$470.20

9174 Jail Treatment Grant

Field Officer \$370.00
FICA \$28.30
PERF \$41.70

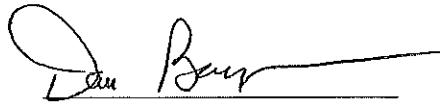
9177 Community Corrections Grant

Director \$1,098.65
Deputy Director \$1,001.25
Case Manager 1 - \$947.45
Case Manager 2 - \$1,786.30
Field Officer \$1,27.70
Overtime \$246.50
FICA \$725.75
PERF \$1,211.15
Group Insurance \$,1299.25

Jack Beckley moved to approve the above Additional Appropriations, Patrick Cale 2nd and the vote was 5/0.

There being no further comment Kyle Lechien made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. and Ryan Goodspeed 2nd and the vote was 5/0.

Approved this 4th day of March, 2020.



Dan Borgenheimer, President

Karen Mealy, Vice President



Kyle Lechien, Member

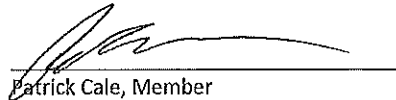


Jack Beckley, Member



Ryan Goodspeed, Member

Fred Tobey, Member



Patrick Cale, Member

Attest: Sharon Hartley
Auditor/Secretary