

BLACKFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S

MEETING February 18, 2020

The Blackford County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on February 18, 2020 in the Commissioner's Office located on the first floor of the Blackford County Courthouse, Hartford City IN.

President John Lancaster called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll with Commissioners John Lancaster, Nick Rhodes and John Oxley present. Others in attendance were Anne Owen, Bruce Edgington, Judy Smith, Bill Smith, Dan Eckstein, Sam Swenson, Kathy Goodspeed, Tyler Hunt, Jeff Sones, Tim Stanley, Larry Plulmer and John Plulmer.

The minutes of the February 3, 2020 meeting were approved as presented by a 2/0 vote after a motion by Nick Rhodes and a 2nd by John Oxley. John Lancaster was absent on 2/3/2020.

Assessor Kathy Goodspeed presented the 2020 agreement with Worrell to print and mail Assessment Form 11 for the county. The agreement is the same as previous years (\$4,851.92) with only change due to the cost of postage. Nick Rhodes moved to accept the agreement and John Oxley 2nd. The vote was 3/0.

Courthouse Custodian Tim Stanley:

1. Presented an \$8,100 quote from PK Heating and Cooling for 54 lights on the first floor of the courthouse. John Oxley moved to take the quote under advisement and Nick Rhodes 2nd. The vote was 3/0.
2. Reported that the elevator is down again. The elevator company took parts with them on Friday to try to find the problem. Stanley asked them for a quote for a total upgrade on the elevator system. Commissioners asked for a time frame to make the total upgrade.
3. Havel is in the building working on the front end of the upgrade to the heating/cooling system that happened during the recent Honeywell work. This should be the last work needed on the upgrade.

P&Z Director Anne Owen presented the revision to Article 10 of the Zoning Ordinance of Blackford County (concerning wind energy systems) that was tentatively approved by the Commissioners in 2019 and has since been approved by the Area Plan Commission, Hartford City, Montpelier and Shamrock Lakes. John Oxley moved to give final approval to the ordinance. Nick Rhodes 2nd and the vote was 3/0. John Oxley then moved to repeal County Ordinance 2010-02, Regulation of Wind Energy Conversion Systems. Nick Rhodes 2nd and the vote was 3/0.

Sheriff Jeff Sones thanked the Commissioners for hiring Core Facilities to produce maintenance guides for county owned buildings. The books are very useful.

The 2020 Commissioner Attorney appointment: John Oxley made a motion to appoint Bill Hughes from Beasley & Gilkison as Commissioner's attorney. The motion died for lack of a second. The attorney appointment will be on the agenda next month.

Accounts Payable Claims: Claims were approved in the amount of \$168,849.17 on a motion by John Oxley and 2nd by Nick Rhodes. The vote was 3/0.

Payroll Claims:

PPE 02/07/2020 Claims for \$122,509.65 were approved on a motion by Nick Rhodes and 2nd by John Oxley. The vote was 3/0.

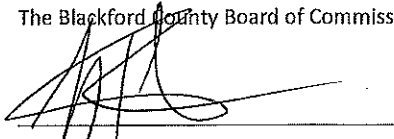
Public Comment:

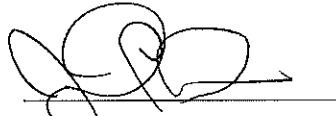
John Plulmer and Larry Plulmer, county residents and farmers, asked about the Railroad asking to close the railroad crossings on county roads 500 N, 400 E and 600 N. The RR wants to put in an additional side rail. Trains will be lengthened by 1,000 feet and will run more frequently. John Lancaster said they had just been informed of this last week and he would like to form a committee to study the request. He wants one Commissioner, one Council member, the Sheriff, Highway Supervisor, EMA Director, Montpelier Fire and EMS and two local residents on the committee. John Plulmer volunteered to be on the committee.

There being no further public comment, Nick Rhodes made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Approved this 2nd day of March, 2020.

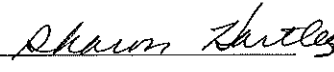
The Blackford County Board of Commissioners



John Lancaster, President

John Oxley, Vice President

Nick Rhodes, Member

Attest: 

Auditor Sharon Hartley