

BLACKFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S

MEETING January 7, 2019

The Blackford County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on January 7, 2019 in the Commissioner's office located on the first floor of the Blackford County Courthouse.

President John Lancaster called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll with Commissioners Nick Rhodes, John Lancaster and John Oxley present. Others in attendance were Mary Beal, Anne Owen, Bruce Edgington, Jon Oswalt, Tim Stanley, Jeff Sones, Danny Careins, Ryan Goodspeed, Kathy Goodspeed, John Rains, Paul Schriver and Colton Bickel.

Election of Officers – John Oxley nominated **John Lancaster as President** and Nick Rhodes seconded. Nick Rhodes nominated **John Oxley as Vice President** and John Lancaster seconded. Rhodes moved to close the nominations. The vote was 3/0 to accept the nominations.

The minutes of the December 17, 2018 meeting were approved as presented by a 3/0 vote after a motion by John Oxley and a 2nd by Nick Rhodes.

Courthouse Custodian Tim Stanley presented a quote from **Kent Alden Campbell Coatings & Renovation** to fix the peeling paint on the ceilings on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the courthouse. The quote is detailed and in the amount of \$8,500. Stanley had asked two other companies to quote and they declined. John Oxley moved to accept the quote and Nick Rhodes 2nd. The vote was 3/0.

Community Corrections Director John Rains informed that he is waiting on the State for the application for the new grant.

Commissioner John Lancaster and Anne Owen met on the proposed Building Inspector.

Sheriff Jeff Sones gave the inmate count as 31 local males, 6 local females, 16 out-of-county males and 9 out-of-county females for a total of 62. Sones also reported the new roof had more leaks over the new year weekend but is now fixed. Work is progressing slowly at the jail.

Sones also informed the board that a jail employee's son was hurt recently in a propane explosion and will be in the hospital for some time. The employee, hired in September, is not eligible for FMLA. Other county employees would like to donate some of their unused Paid Time Off (PDO) to the mother to give her some pay so she can stay with her son. John Oxley moved to approve the donation of PDO time and use of donated PDO time. Nick Rhodes 2nd and the vote was 3/0. Auditor Hartley would like for the Commissioners to establish a committee to set guidelines for donation and use of donated PDO time so this employee and others may be helped during this type of situation. Nick Rhodes moved to establish a committee of five members to include one Commissioner, one Council member, the Auditor and two county employees to set guidelines for the use of PDO time. John Oxley 2nd and the vote was 3/0.

A new four-year contract between Sheriff Jeff Sones and the County was approved on a motion by John Oxley and 2nd by Nick Rhodes. The contract will go before the Council on Wednesday night.

The Dog and Cat Ordinance was taken under advisement so the Animal Shelter can be contacted for any input they might have.

The two agreement for timber removal at the county farm was approved on a motion by John Oxley and 2nd by Nick Rhodes. The agreement Stewart Turner of Turner Forestry Inc. is for 10% of the amount the cut timber is sold for or \$500, whichever is greater. A second agreement with Turner Forestry Inc. for \$9,180 is for ground clearing including cutting vines and killing invasive Bush Honeysuckle.

Accounts Payable Claims: Claims were approved in the amount of \$259,715.34 on a motion by John Oxley and 2nd by Nick Rhodes. The vote was 3/0.

Payroll Claims: Claims for PPE 12/14/2018 for \$113,579.90 were approved on a motion by Nick Rhodes and 2nd by John Oxley. The vote was 3/0.

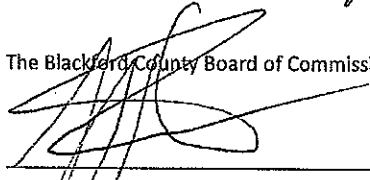
Payroll Claims: Claims for PPE 12/28/2018 for \$112,186.07 were approved on a motion by John Oxley and 2nd by Nick Rhodes. The vote was 3/0.

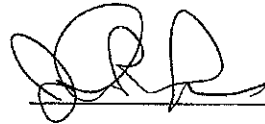
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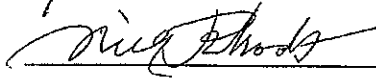
There being no further public comment, John Oxley made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Approved this 22nd day of January, 2019.

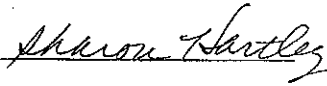
The Blackford County Board of Commissioners



John Lancaster, President

John Oxley, Member Vice Pres

Nick Rhodes, MEMBER

Attest: 

Auditor Sharon Hartley