

BLACKFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S

MEETING January 19, 2021

The Blackford County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on January 19, 2021 in the Commissioner's office on the first floor of the Blackford County Courthouse, Hartford City IN. The meeting was available on Zoom as well.

President John Lancaster called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll with Commissioners John Oxley, John Lancaster present. Nick Rhodes was present on Zoom. Others in attendance in person were Bruce Edgington, Paul Schriver, Bill Smith, Judge Nick Barry, Tyler Hunt, Cheri Brown, John Pluimer, Dan Watson, Jeff Thomas, Kim Pitts, Tim Stanley and Jim Heflin. Attending on Zoom were Nick Rhodes, Kathy Goodspeed and Mary Beal.

The minutes of the January 4, 2021 Regular meeting were approved as Presented by a 3/0 vote after a motion by John Oxley and a 2nd by Nick Rhodes.

Community Corrections Director Tyler Hunt presented a second quote for a window in his office. The commissioners took both quotes under advisement.

Highway Supervisor Bruce Edgington (1) reported that Bridge #22 deck will be poured this week. (2) The State would like to do a 2-year bridge inspection followed by a 4-year schedule to even out the number of inspections done each year. Bruce is in favor of the change. John Oxley moved to go with the 2-year inspection plan followed by a 4-year plan. Nick Rhodes 2nd and the vote was 3/0. (3) With Edgington retiring at the end of 2021 he has moved the current foreman to driver/operator and appointed John Pluimer as foreman. The commissioners congratulated Pluimer.

EMA Director Bill Smith reported the Large Animal Rescue class on January 16th was a huge success. There were 32 attendees and people had to be turned away. He had great response from fire and police departments and 4H members. In May, the EMA would like to hold an "awareness" day for citizens to learn what EMA does.

Purdue Extensions Cheri Brown stated that 4H enrollment had ended and will be wrapped up on Friday. The Housing Study meeting will be at Hartford City City Hall on January 26th.

Surveyor Paul Schriver presented a resolution to establish a Cum Drain Fund. John Oxley made a motion to establish a Cum Drain Fund with Resolution 2021-R2. Nick Rhodes 2nd and the vote was 3/0.

Sheriff Chief Deputy Jim Heflin gave the inmate count as 23 local males, 4 local females, 12 out of county males and no out of county females for a total of 39 inmates.

Judge Nick Barry asked if talks had begun on finding adequate space for Superior Court. John Lancaster replied that he had spoken to Sheriff Sones and a committee should be formed. The committee should consist of Judge Barry, a County Commissioner, a County Council member and the Sheriff. Judge Barry agreed.

Dan Watson of Beam, Longest and Neff introduced himself. His engineering firm would like the opportunity to work with Blackford County on road and bridge projects. The Commissioners welcomed Watson.

The Capital Improvement Plan will be ready for the February 1st meeting.

The 2020 Payroll was presented to the Commissioners.

Accounts Payable Claims: Claims were approved in the amount of \$688,658.32 on a motion by John Oxley and 2nd by Nick Rhodes. The vote was 3/0.

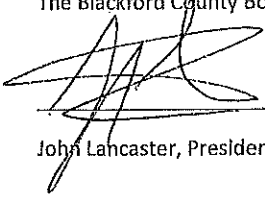
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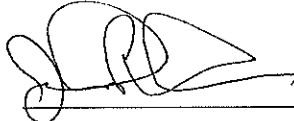
PPE 1/8/2021 \$131,958.98 Motion to approve Nick Rhodes, 2nd by John Oxley and the vote of 3/0.

There being no further public comment, John Oxley made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

Approved this 1st day of February, 2021.

The Blackford County Board of Commissioners



John Lancaster, President

John Oxley, Vice President

Nick Rhodes, Member

Attest: Sharon Hartley
Auditor Sharon Hartley