

BLACKFORD COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES OF

January 4, 2023

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 meeting on Wednesday, January 4, 2023. The meeting was also available on Zoom.

Vice President Jack Beckley called the Regular Meeting to order, and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll. Those members answering roll were, Kyle Lechien, Jack Beckley, Patrick Cale, Fred Tobey, Ryan Goodspeed and Karen Mealy present. Dan Borgenheimer was absent. Also present were in person, Tyler Hunt, Warren Brown, John Oxley, Cheri Brown, Laura Coons, Jon Creek, and Jim Heflin. Attending on Zoom: Sue Kochanek, Paul Schriver and Jon Jinks.

ELECTION OF 2023 OFFICERS: Jack Beckley nominated Dan Borgenheimer for President. Ryan Goodspeed 2nd and the vote was 6/0. Patrick Cale nominated Jack Beckley for Vice President. Ryan Goodspeed 2nd and the vote was 6/0.

The minutes of the December 20, 2022, Joint Special Council meeting were approved as Presented on a motion by Kyle Lechien and 2nd by Patrick Cale. The vote was 5/0. Mealy was absent 12/20.

The minutes of the December 21, 2022, Regular Council meeting were approved as Presented on a motion by Fred Tobey and 2nd by Kyle Lechien. The vote was 5/0. Mealy was absent 12/21.

Committee Reports

- Community Corrections – Kyle Lechien – no report
- Solid Waste – Dan Borgenheimer – HHWD is scheduled for April 1, 2023
- Economic Development – Ryan Goodspeed – see Warren below
- Blackford Development – Patrick Cale – a house on S Walnut St is set to be demolished.
- LEPC – Ryan Goodspeed – meet 1/18

Warren Brown (1) The courthouse BOT bids will be opened at the Commissioners meeting on January 17th. **(2)** Requests for Proposals are out for the broadband project.

Auditor Hartley presented an amended 2023 Salary Ordinance due to numerous changes. **Patrick Cale moved to adopt the entire amended document and Kyle Lechien 2nd. The vote was 6/0.** The document is available in the Auditor’s office.

The contract for Sheriff Jim Heflin was presented. The salary of \$85,138 for 2023 and raises equal to the Prosecutor’s raise in years 2024, 2025 and 2026 was approved by the Commissioners on January 3, 2023. **Ryan Goodspeed moved to approve the contract as presented and Patrick Cale 2nd. The vote was 6/0.**

Financial Reports for COUNTY GENERAL

Ending Cash Balance as of 12/31/2022	\$ 1,952,625.28
Total Expenditures for December 2022	\$ 348,712.54
Total Revenue for December 2022	\$ 1,401,765.65

Additional Appropriations: None

Transfers: None

Auditor discussed using ARP funds for some County General Expenses. The proposal has been sent to the committee and Baker Tilly for approval.

Karen Mealy reported there will be a Teen Vaping Task Force committee meeting on January 19 from 4 pm – 5 pm at BJSHS. The public is welcome.


There being no further comment Vice President Beckley adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m. on a motion by Kyle Lechien and 6/0 vote.

Approved this 8th day of February, 2023.

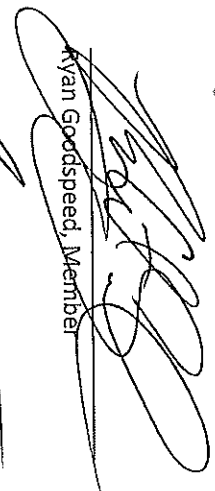
Dan Borgenheimer, President

Karen Mealy, Vice President

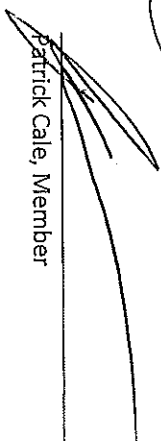
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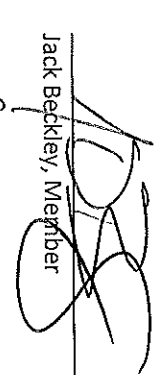
Kyle Lechien, Member



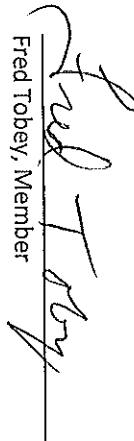
Ryan Goodspeed, Member



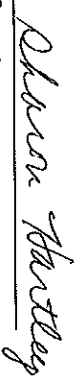
Patrick Cale, Member



Jack Beckley, Member



Fred Tobey, Member

Attest: 

Auditor/Secretary