

BLACKFORD COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES OF

January 5, 2022

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, January 5, 2022. The meeting was also available on Zoom.

Vice-President Karen Mealy called the Regular Meeting to order and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll. **Those members answering roll** were Dan Borgenheimer (on zoom), Jack Beckley, Karen Mealy, Ryan Goodspeed, Patrick Cale and Kyle Lechien. Fred Tobey was absent. **Also present were:** in person, Tyler Hunt, Jeff Sones, John Pluimer, Warren Brown and Cheri Brown. **Attending on Zoom:** Mary Beal, Sue Kochanek, John Lancaster and Dan Borgenheimer.

ELECTION OF 2022 OFFICERS: Jack Beckley nominated Dan Borgenheimer as **President**, Ryan Goodspeed 2nd and the vote was 5/0/1 with Dan abstaining. Patrick Cale nominated Jack Beckley as **Vice President**, Dan Borgenheimer 2nd and the vote was 5/0/1 with Jack abstaining.

Vice President Jack Beckley resumed the meeting.

The minutes of the December 22, 2021 Regular Council meeting were approved as **Presented** on a motion by Kyle Lechien and 2nd by Patrick Cale. The vote was 6/0.

Committee Reports

Community Corrections – Kyle Lechien – no report
Solid Waste – Dan Borgenheimer –no report
Economic Development – Ryan Goodspeed – see Warren below
Blackford Development – Patrick Cale – no report
LEPC – Ryan Goodspeed – no report

BCEDC Warren Brown; Weather permitting, (1) the broadband tower will be set tomorrow. **(2)** Purdue University assisted in a regional wage study with Blackford County being the second highest employer participant group. Detailed information is available in the BCEDC office.

Auditor Hartley requested permission to process budget transfers within the same category without council approval. Council granted the request.

Jack Beckley reviewed the hiring freeze Resolution 2020-R5 that was extended and expires on December 31, 2021. After some discussion it was decided that Jack Beckley will amend the resolution to remove the Covid-19 references and exclude the Sheriff's Department and Health Department from the hiring freeze. The amended resolution will be presented at the February 9 meeting.

Confirmation that Judy Affolder will sit on the PTBOA in 2022 was received.

Kyle Lechien made a motion to move **\$500,000 from the County General Fund to the Rainy Day fund.** Patrick Cale 2nd and the vote to approve was 6/0.

Purdue Extensions Cheri Brown reported on an effort to engage Taylor University students in projects in Blackford County. As part of their course work, senior Social Work students completed a community assessment for Hartford City. Students shared the outcome of their assessment, as well as other suggestions for engagement with community leaders. Social Work professor, Kara Rigglerman will continue to work with Purdue Extension and local officials to advance opportunities for Taylor students in Blackford County.

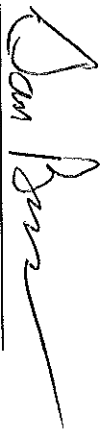
New Highway Superintendent John Pluimer gave reports: **(1)** he is getting quotes to pave CR 075/Cross Road. He has one quote for \$97,000 and expects two other quotes on the half mile project. **(2)** Mike Daniel is the new Foreman in the department. **(3)** the department has hauled the stone for the towers which saved the project money. **(4)** they are working with an engineering company on a long-term plan for bridge maintenance. **(5)** he received two applications for the new employee spot.

Financial Reports for COUNTY GENERAL

Ending Cash Balance as of 12/31/2021	\$3,174,756.96
Total Expenditures for December 2021	\$ 490,785.77
Total Revenue for December 2021	\$ 1,589,444.06

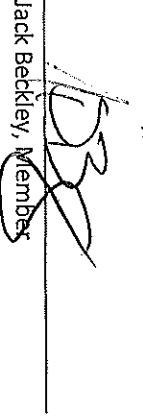
There being no further comment Jak Beckley adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m. on a motion by Kyle Lechien, 2nd by Patrick Cale and 6/0 vote.

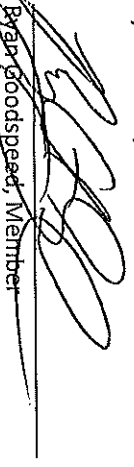
Approved this 9th day of February, 2022.


Dan Borgenheimer, President


Karen Mealy, Vice President
on Zoom

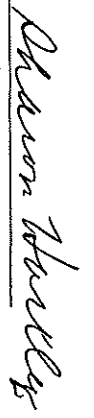

Kyle Lechien, Member


Jack Beckley, Member


Ryan Goodspeed, Member

Fred Tobey, Member


Patrick Cale, Member

Attest: 
Auditor/Secretary