

BLACKFORD COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES OF

January 6, 2021

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 6, 2021. The meeting was also available on Zoom.

President Dan Borgenheimer called the meeting to order and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll.

Those members answering roll were, Jack Beckley, Karen Mealy, Ryan Goodspeed, Dan Borgenheimer and Fred Tobey. Patrick Cale and Kyle Lechien attended on Zoom

Also present were: in person were Tyler Hunt, Jeff Sones, Paul Schriver, Kim Pitts, Amy Latham, Dr. Tom Lee, Judge Nick Barry, John Oxley and Bruce Edgington. Attending on Zoom were Kyle Lechien, Patrick Cale, Kathy Goodspeed, Aaron Henderson, Kelly Cale and Mary Beal.

Election of 2021 Officers: Jack Beckley nominated **Dan Borgenheimer for President** and **Fred Tobey 2nd**. Fred Tobey nominated **Karen Mealy for Vice President** and **Patrick Cale 2nd**. The vote for both nominations was 7/0.

The minutes of the December 23, 2020 Regular Council meeting were approved as **Presented** on a motion by Jack Beckley and 2nd by Karen Mealy. The vote was 5/0. Borgenheimer and Tobey were absent at that meeting.

Committee Reports

Community Corrections – Kyle Lechien – meet next week

Solid Waste – Dan Borgenheimer meet 1/19. HHWD is 6/19/2021

Economic Development – Ryan Goodspeed no meeting

Blackford Development – Patrick Cale no meeting

LEPC – Ryan Goodspeed no meeting. Large Animal Rescue 1/16 at McCammon's

Trucking

Clerk **Kimberly Pitts** requested the reinstatement of the 2nd Deputy position. That employee works in the Clerk's and Election offices. **Jack Beckley moved to reinstate the position and Karen Mealy 2nd**. The vote was 7/0.

Jack Beckley asked Commissioner Oxley about the **County Economic Development Plan**. Oxley said it is waiting on Warren Brown and will be addressed soon.

Highway Supervisor Bruce Edgington previously asked Council to amend the Salary Ordinance to set up a Callout Schedule rate for his driver-operators. Aaron Henderson drafted an Ordinance Amendment for the plan. Patrick Cale moved to accept the amendment. The motion died for lack of a 2nd. Discussion centered on the penalty for an employee not answering a callout. Final decision was that that isn't part of the amendment and council doesn't have control of the department policy on discipline. **PATRICK Cale again moved to accept the Salary Ordinance Amendment and Karen Mealy 2nd**. The vote was 7/0. Edgington presented a 5-year retirement plan for his department as requested from council.

Judge Nick Barry informed the council of the retirement of Superior Court Reporter Melinda Clester. Bailiff Erin will be promoted to reporter. Barry asked for both positions to be reinstated. **Ryan Goodspeed moved to approve both positions and Fred Tobey 2nd**. The vote was 7/0.

Dr. Tom Lee requested assistance for the 2021 Heritage Days festival set for May 15-22. The festival budget is \$36,000 and he is requesting \$2,000 - \$3,000. Karen Mealy asked if council would fund the same amount for the Montpelier Jamboree. Council asked Auditor Hartley to see if there is money in the budget for these festivals. This will be addressed at the February meeting.

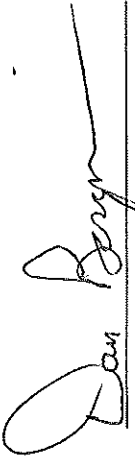
Moving County General money to Rainy Day was discussed. Auditor Hartley will check with the state to determine how much money can be moved.

Financial Reports for COUNTY GENERAL

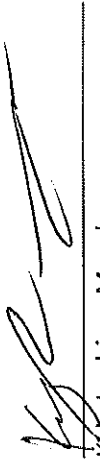
Ending Cash Balance as of 12/31/2020	\$ 3,714,827.54
Total Expenditures for December 2020	\$ 498,423.44
Total Revenue for December 2020	\$ 1,731,930.27


There being no further comment Dan Borgenheimer adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

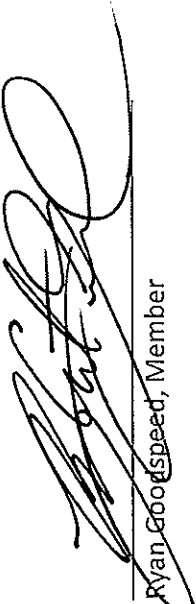
Approved this 3rd day of February, 2021.

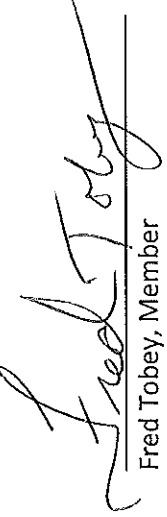

Dan Borgenheimer, President

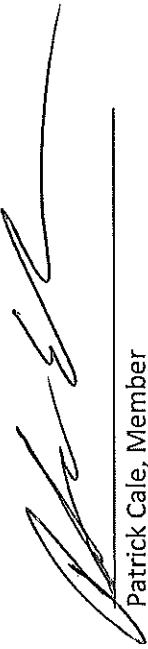

Karen Mealy, Vice President

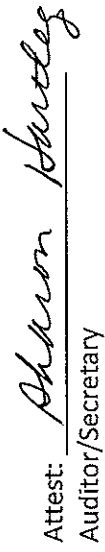

Kyle Lechien, Member


Jack Beckley, Member


Ryan Goodspeed, Member


Fred Tobey, Member


Patrick Cale, Member

Attest: 
Auditor/Secretary