

BLACKFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S

MEETING June 17, 2019

The Blackford County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on June 17, 2019 in the Commissioner's Office located on the first floor of the Blackford County Courthouse, Hartford City IN.

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, Bruce Edgington, Colton Bickel, Anne Owen, Jeff Sones, Kathy Goodspeed, Tim Stanley, Jon Oswalt, Ethan Cox, Bill Smith, Laura Coons, Vanessa Dillion and Lee Williams.

The minutes of the June 3, 2019 meeting were approved as presented by a 3/0 vote after a motion by John Oxley and a 2nd by Nick Rhodes.

Bruce Edgington, Highway Supervisor reported 1. Container Collection Site brought in \$250. 2. The department has two old trucks that he would like to take sealed bids from employees to purchase. The vehicles are not in good condition. Commissioners approved the plan.

Veteran's Affairs Officer Jon Oswalt attended training June 10-12 that went well. The office will be closed today for a meeting in Ft Wayne.

P&Z Director Anne Owen reported the proposed zoning changes have been sent to all the other entities but she doesn't have their responses yet.

Sheriff Jeff Sones gave the inmate count as 24 local males, 13 local females, 18 out-of-county males and 5 out-of-county females for a total of 60 inmates. He also reported that work is still being done to the lighting at the Jail.

EMA Director Ethan Cox presented his resignation effective July 1, 2019. He has accepted a position with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security as Director of District 6. Blackford County is in District 6 so he will still live and work in the area. Cox recommended Commissioners appoint Bill Smith as the interim director. Commissioners extended their best wishes to Cox. John Oxley moved to appoint Bill Smith as EMA interim Director and Nick Rhodes 2nd. The vote was 3/0.

The Commissioners received a message from the Indiana State Excise Police stating Tom Laymon has not attended any Alcoholic Beverage Board meetings for some time. Commissioners need to appoint a replacement if Laymon is unavailable. Commissioners will verify the requirements for a replacement.

Cyberian Technologies Annual Support Contract for July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 was presented. The contract is for \$43,720, the same as the previous year. Nick Rhodes moved to accept the contract as presented and John Oxley 2nd. The vote was 3/0.

Dossett Consulting presented a Consulting Services Agreement. The agreement is for Title IVD (Child Support) Services for the Prosecutor (Child Support), Clerk and County General. Nick Rhodes moved to accept the \$3,000 per year for three years (total \$9,000) option and John Oxley 2nd. The vote was 3/0.

Ordinance 2019-02 For Real Property Endorsement Fee was adopted on a motion by John Oxley and 2nd by Nick Rhodes. The endorsement fee which raised and Auditor endorsement fee on real property transfers from \$5 per parcel to \$10 per parcel was passed by the State to be effective July 1, 2019.

Ordinance 2019-03 County Fee Schedule amending Ordinance 2015-12 was passed on a motion by Nick Rhodes and 2nd by John Oxley.

The annual Covered Bridge Certification was signed by Commissioners. This certifies the number of covered bridges in each county.

A Tax Sale Services Support Addendum to the SRI Services Master Agreement which sets the tax sale fee at \$100 per parcel. John Oxley moved to accept the addendum and Nick Rhodes 2nd and the vote was 3/0.

The Auditor's Office was contacted by Lindsey Sanner who is doing a research project for IU. Her group wants to scan all of the county ordinances and research them for all mention of drug rehab assistance and related programs. The group will make the scanned documents available to the county. The Commissioners agreed to the project. The award will be hung in the courthouse.

Vanessa Dillon, AMVETS Commander, presented the Commissioners with a Patriotism Award for flying the flags around the courthouse. Commissioners thanked her and the award will be hung on the first floor of the courthouse.

Lee Williams, also with AMVETS, wants to erect a memorial on the courthouse grounds to honor veterans of all of the Middle East conflicts. Williams will be in charge of raising the money and having the memorial made. Nick Rhodes moved to allow the memorial on the courthouse grounds and John Oxley 2nd and the vote was 3/0.

A quote from Kirk Townsend to replace the sidewalks around the courthouse and the outer south sidewalk. The quote total is \$27,223.75. John Oxley moved to accept the quote with the provision that all work is completed by the end of 2019. Nick Rhodes 2nd and the vote was 3/0.

Accounts Payable Claims: Claims were approved in the amount of \$299,339.85 on a motion by John Oxley 2nd by Nick Rhodes. The vote was 3/0.

Payroll Claims:

PPE 5/31/2019 Claims for \$118,076.27 were approved on a motion by Nick Rhodes and 2nd by John Oxley and 3/0 vote.

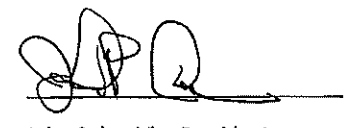
Public Comment – Mary Beal asked if there was any progress on the Ambulance contract. John Lancaster informed her we are still waiting on IU Health to complete their proposal.

There being no further public comment, John Oxley made a motion to adjourn. **The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m.**

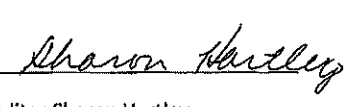
Approved this 1st day of July, 2019.

The Blackford County Board of Commissioners


John Lancaster, President


John Oxley, Vice President


Nick Rhodes, Member

Attest: 
Auditor Sharon Hartley