

BLACKFORD COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES OF

June 7, 2023

The Blackford County Council met at 6:00 p.m. in the first-floor meeting room of the Blackford County Courthouse located at 110 W Washington Street, Hartford City, Indiana for the Regular meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2023. The meeting was also available on Zoom.

President Dan Borgenheimer called the Regular Meeting to order, and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll. The members answering roll were, Dan Borgenheimer, Kyle Lechien, Jack Beckley, Karen Mealy, Fred Tobey, Ryan Goodspeed and Patrick Cale. Also present in person, John Oxley, Tyler Hunt, Warren Brown, Cheri Brown, Mary Beal and Jim Heflin. **Attending on Zoom:** Sue Kochanek.

The minutes of the May 3, 2023, Regular Council meeting were approved as **Amended** on a motion by Jack Beckley and 2nd by Karen Mealy . The vote was 6/0. Cale was absent 5/3.

Four council members will be gone July 5. As this does not leave a quorum, **Jack Beckley made a motion to hold the July Council meeting on Wednesday, July 12 at 6:00 p.m. Ryan Goodspeed 2nd and the vote was 7/0.**

Committee Reports

- Community Corrections – Kyle Lechien – no report
- Solid Waste District – no report
- Economic Development – Ryan Goodspeed – see Warren Brown below.
- Blackford Development – Patrick Cale – no report
- LEPC – Ryan Goodspeed – no report

Dan Borgenheimer and Ryan Goodspeed met with Lori Seelen of Wagoner, Irwin and Scheele to discuss the recently completed county employee job descriptions and compensation study. **The council will meet in Executive Session on Monday, June 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room to discuss the results.**

BCEDC Director Warren Brown – 1) The Industrial Manufacturing meeting is tomorrow at BJSHS at 11:30 a.m. **2)** He attended a broadband meeting yesterday and will apply for funding soon. **3)** Economic Development gave \$100,000 to the Newberry building project.

Sheriff Jim Heflin (1) the jail inspection has been completed and went well. **2)** The Sheriff's App is live and there are plans to add more resources to the app. **3)** During the 4H fair, the sheriff's department will have an obstacle course and will hold the Law Enforcement Camp in the 4H building. **4)** TRIAD will resume in August at Lake Placid. **5)** the sprinkler system is being repaired. **6)** a shed collapsed and they are looking into a pole building.

Cheri Brown, Purdue Extension – 1) READI 2.0 will have a meeting June 14 at the 4H grounds from 1 – 2:30 pm. **2)** The County Parks Board needs two appointments from the council. Council will present names at the next meeting. **3)** A \$100,000 Tobacco Free Grant had been obtained. Karen Mealy is working to hire a coordinator for the grant. **4)** The Christmas Light project has reached the \$10,000 goal. They will take donations until June 9.

Jackson Township Regional Sewer District sent a letter requesting the \$60,000 EDIT funds. The funds have been cut to finance the Newberry building project. The council requests Sheila Hyer attend the July 12 meeting for discussion.

Montpelier Mayor Kathy Bantz sent a letter requesting \$1M for projects in Montpelier.

Karen Mealy asked Commissioner Oxley if there was a plan for the Opioid Settlement money. Oxley said the plan is being written

Financial Reports for COUNTY GENERAL

Ending Cash Balance as of May 31, 2023	\$ 324,085.15
Total Expenditures for May 2023	\$ 548,999.95
Total Revenue for May 2023	\$ 262,279.03

Additional Appropriations: None

Transfers: Transfers: EDIT Fund

\$15,000 from Elimination of Blight to Newberry Building Project
\$20,000 from Annex Improvements to Newberry Building Project
\$55,000 from County Improvement Projects to Newberry Building Project
\$60,700 from Purdue Extension Building to Newberry Building Project
\$60,000 from Jackson Township Regional Sewer District to Newberry Building Project
\$37,700 from Blackford County Sewer District to Newberry Building Project

