

BLACKFORD COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES OF

June 8, 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, June 8, 2022. The meeting was also available on Zoom.

President Dan Borgenheimer called the Regular Meeting to order, and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll. **Those members answering roll** were Dan Borgenheimer, Ryan Goodspeed, Kyle Lechien, Fred Tobey, and Patrick Cale. Jack Beckley and Karen Mealy were absent. **Also present** were in person, Tyler Hunt, Jeff Sones, John Pluimer, John Oxley, Laura Coons, Paul Schriver, Anne Owen, Warren Brown, Kelly Cale, Cheri Brown, Meagan Westfall, Logan Rance, Tim Diehl, and Nick Weber. **Attending on Zoom:** Steven Holman, Jon Jinks, Greg Balsano, Sue Kochanek, Mary Beal, Rick Hall and Kathy Goodspeed.

The minutes of the May 4, 2022, Regular Council meeting were approved as **Presented** on a motion by Ryan Goodspeed and 2nd by Kyle Lechien. The vote was 4/0. Cale was absent 5/4/22.

The minutes of the May 18, 2022, Joint Council and Commissioner meeting were approved as **Presented** on a motion by Ryan Goodspeed and 2nd by Patrick Cale. The vote was 5/0. (Goodspeed, Lechien, Tobey, Cale and Borgenheimer attended the meeting.)

Committee Reports

Community Corrections – Kyle Lechien – no report

Solid Waste – Dan Borgenheimer – will meet in July for budget and county wide recycling

Economic Development – Ryan Goodspeed – see Warren below

Blackford Development – Patrick Cale – no report

LEPC – Ryan Goodspeed – no report

Warren Brown BCEDC Director (1) reported the READI Grant was approved for \$700,000 for the broadband project. **(2)** A comprehensive plan for the \$60,000 OCRA Grant is being developed. **(3)** EDF will be asking for a 7-year extension to their Special Exception variance. Two years is standard and recommended. **Planning & Zoning Director Anne Owen** added that the EDF meeting for the Special Exception will be held June 28th in the Circuit Court Courtroom.

Purdue Extensions Cheri Brown – (1) provided folders with information on 4H and opportunities the Extension Office provides the community. **(2)** a group of high school students, Time For Change Movement, worked to upgrade local basketball courts. They gave presentations to raise money for the improvements. **(3)** Fourth grade students went on a field trip to the Hartford City Water Department. It will become an annual event.

Custodian Meagan Westfall – requested a \$250 per year clothing allowance for herself and the assistant custodian. After some discussion, **Ryan Goodspeed moved to establish a \$250 per person per year clothing allowance for the custodians and Fred Tobey 2nd. The vote was 5/0.**

Highway Superintendent John Pluimer (1) presented the backpay figures totaling \$2,931.65 for four employees. **Patrick Cale moved to approve the pay and Kyle Lechien 2nd. The vote was 5/0. (2)** The underground fuel tanks at the highway barn will be reinspected due to an uncertified inspector completing the first inspection. Pluimer would like to commit to Gasoline Equipment for future inspections and will submit that request in his 2023 budget.

Sheriff Jeff Sones – Global, a company offering three programs; Jail Tracker is a jail management system that will link with the state. RMS is a records management system that is used on the police side and is used to complete reports. CAD is a computer aided dispatch which is used to enter all calls for all agencies (police, fire, and EMS). All three of these are linked and the information that is entered is auto populated into the other sections available to other law enforcement agencies. Sones will ask to use ARP \$291,000 funds for this purchase.

A Salary Ordinance Amendment to clarify the Highway Department hiring wage was presented and approved on a motion by **Patrick Cale, 2nd by Kyle Lechien with a 5/0 vote.**

Blackford Wind Energy, LLC - Logan Rance was available for questions. **Resolution 2022-R13, Confirmatory Resolution for the Economic Revitalization Area was approved on a motion by Fred Tobey, 2nd by Patrick Cale and 5/0 vote.**

Council was asked to fill out the Form 144, 2023 Salary Request. No increase will be requested at this time. Council will accept the raise given other employees at budget time.

Financial Reports for COUNTY GENERAL

Ending Cash Balance as of 5/31/2022	\$ 620,832.29
Total Expenditures for May 2022	\$ 435,264.95
Total Revenue for May 2022	\$ 186,871.63

Additional Appropriations:

ARR Fund – Superior Court video conference system \$63,225
Tower completion \$150,000
Surveyor Storm Water project \$733,000
Administration Fees \$60,000

Approved on a motion by Ryan Goodspeed, 2nd by Patrick Cale and 5/0 vote.

Transfers:

Pre-Trial Diversion – \$507.29 from Misc. Disbursements to Operating Supplies

Approved on a motion by Patrick Cale, 2nd by Fred Tobey and 5/0 vote.

There being no further comment Dan Borgenheimer adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m. on a motion by Kyle Lechien, 2nd Patrick Cale and 5/0 vote.

Approved this 6th day of July, 2022.

Dan Borgenheimer 3rd

Dan Borgenheimer, President

Kyle Lechien 1st

Kyle Lechien, Member

Ryan Goodspeed 2nd

Ryan Goodspeed, Member

Karen Mealy 3rd

Karen Mealy, Vice President

Jack Beckley 1st

Jack Beckley, Member

Fred Tobey 2nd

Fred Tobey, Member

Attest: Sharon Hartley

Auditor/Secretary

Patrick Cale 1st

Patrick Cale, Member