

BLACKFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AND COUNCIL JOINT

SPECIAL MEETING WITH HARTFORD CITY OFFICIALS

March 16, 2023

The Blackford County Commissioners and Council met in Special session at 6:00 p.m. on March 16, 2023, at Hartford City, City Hall.

Vice President John Oxley called the Commissioner's meeting to order, and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll with Commissioners John Oxley and Laura Coons present. John Lancaster arrived shortly after roll call.

President Dan Borgenheimer called the Council meeting to order, and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll with Council members Dan Borgenheimer, Fred Tobey, Jack Beckley, Patrick Cale, and Kyle Lechien present. Ryan Goodspeed and Karen Mealy were absent.

Others in attendance were Hartford City Council members Ron Dudleston, Ron Parrott, Tony Scaggs, Dustin George, and Michael Wolfe. HC Mayor Dan Eckstein, Greg Martz, Warren Brown.

Also in attendance were Anne Owen, Megan Miller, Bill Weisman, Mary Beal, John Creek, Pat Redmond, Cheri Brown, Eric Wilson, Brad Whatley and Pam Weisman.

The special meeting was called to discuss the finalization of the bond for the Newberry building.

Greg Martz discussed the bond for the project. The estimated \$1.8M bond will be a 50/50 split between Hartford City and Blackford County. This will be done with an interlocal agreement. The 20-year bond may be paid off at any time without penalty. The interest rate will be set the day the bond is signed using that days Treasury rate. Martz will request the "draw down" system on the bond to save interest to be paid. The anticipated county share of the payment will be \$72,000 plus the \$51,308.74 currently being paid on the construction bond for a total annual payment of \$123,309. The first payment will be due in February 2024. Jason Semler of Baker Tilly is assisting the county with our share of the bond.

The sprinkler system in the Newberry building was discussed. Previously removed from the project, Ron Parrott, HC Fire Chief, strongly recommends it be installed in the building. After discussion HC Council voted to include the sprinkler system. **Blackford County Council member Jack Beckley moved to include the sprinkler system and Fred Tobey 2nd. The vote was 5/0.**

After more discussion on the bond, **Blackford Count Commissioner John Lancaster moved to approve the \$1.8M bond and John Oxley 2nd. The vote was 3/0.**

Blackford County Council member Jack Beckley moved to approve the \$1.8M bond contingent on information received at the April 5th Council meeting concerning courthouse repairs. Patrick Cale 2nd and the vote was 4/1 with Kyle Lechien voting nay.

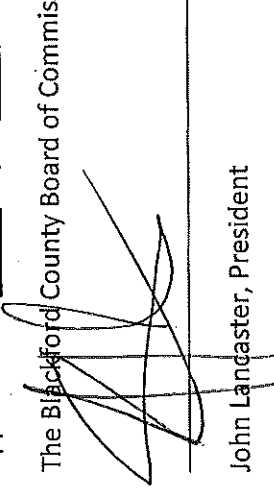
Warren Brown requested a Blackford County Council member to sit on a committee to receive information on the project. Fred Tobey and Dan Borgenheimer will be the Blackford County Council representatives.

With the Commissioner business concluded, Laura Coons moved to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.

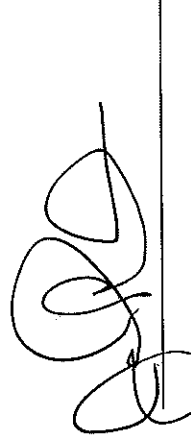
With Council business concluded, Kyle Lechien moved to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.

Approved this 20th day of March, 2023.

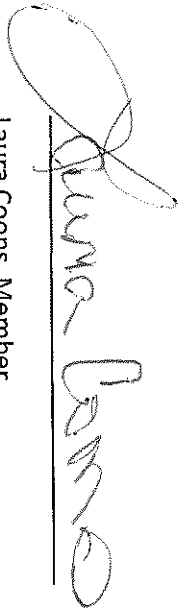
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John Lancaster, President



John Oxley, Vice President



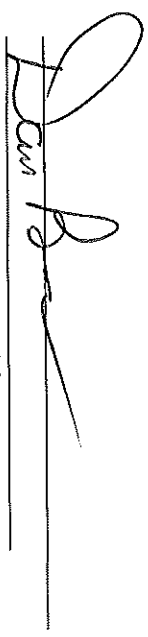
Laura Coons, Member

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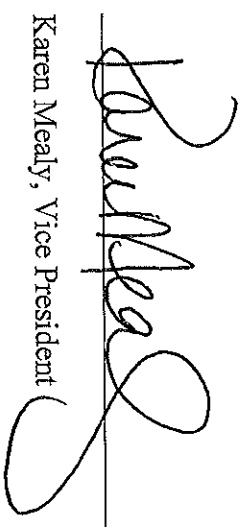
Auditor Sharon Hartley

Approved this 5th day of April, 2023.

The Blackford County Council



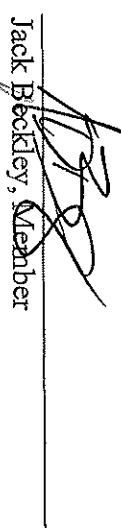
Dan Borgenheimer, President



Karen Mealy, Vice President



Kyle Lechien, Member



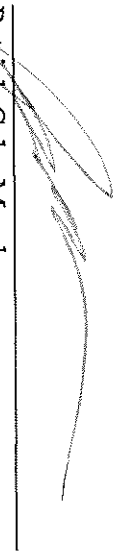
Jack Beckley, Member



Ryan Goodspeed, Member



Fred Tobey, Member



Patrick Cale, Member

Attest: 

Auditor/Secretary