

BLACKFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S

EMERGENCY MEETING March 17, 2020

The Blackford County Commissioners met in an **Emergency Meeting** at Noon on March 17, 2020 in the first-floor hallway of the Blackford County Courthouse, Hartford City IN.

**President John Lancaster called the meeting to order** and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll with Commissioners John Lancaster, Nick Rhodes and John Oxley present. **Others in attendance** were Anne Owen, Bruce Edgington, Bill Smith, Dan Eckstein, Kathy Goodspeed, Tyler Hunt, Tim Stanley, Warren Brown, Cheri Brown, Paul Schriver, Jeff Sones, Kevin Basey, Kathy Bantz, Margaret Willmann, Pat Hornbaker, Kelli Schriver, Dr. Lori Skidmore, Jessica Plerson, Jan Blake, Ethan Cox, Mark McKissack, Sue Kochanek, Nick Barry, Laura Coons, Brian Bade, Erin Foreman, Melinda Clester, Dana Turner, Christy Clark, Kevin Brown and Karen Mealy.

In following the State of Emergency declared by the State of Indiana to deal with the Coronavirus or COVID-19, **John Oxley moved to close all Blackford County offices to the public beginning Wednesday, March 18, 2020 through March 31, 2020. Employees will continue to work during this time. Nick Rhodes 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the vote was 3/0.**

The public may call or email offices if they need assistance.

Commissioners asked department heads to write out a plan for staff if the closure goes beyond March 31.

The Commissioners will meet with department heads on Monday, March 30 at 2:30 p.m. to determine the next steps as more information from the state is available. Future Commissioner and Council meetings will be discussed.

Bill Smith, EMA Director, praised the local Health Department for keeping up with this fast-moving issue. Smith has been in contact with the Red Cross and McDonalds and they will help feed quarantined residents if the need arises.

Health Officer, Dr. Lori Skidmore, stated they are staying up on all local, state and national developments on COVID-19 and keep updating information on the Blackford County Health Department Facebook page.

Approved this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.


The Blackford County Board of Commissioners



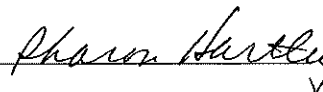
John Lancaster, President



John Oxley, Vice President



Nick Rhodes, Member

Attest: 

Auditor Sharon Hartley