

BLACKFORD COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES OF

March 4, 2020

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, March 4, 2020.

President Dan Borgenheimer called the meeting to order.

Those members answering roll were Dan Borgenheimer, Kyle Lechien, Ryan Goodspeed, Jack Beckley and Patrick Cale, Fred Tobey and Karen Mealy.

Also present were: Tyler Hunt, Jeff Sones, Anne Owen, Warren Brown, Cheri Brown, Jim Heflin, Aaron Henderson, Paul Krause, Kathy Goodspeed, Jacki Ciamme, John Lancaster, Mary Beal and Auditor Sharon Hartley.

The minutes of the February 5, 2020 Regular Council meeting were approved as Presented on a motion by Patrick Cale and 2nd by Kyle Lechien. The vote was 5/0. Fred Tobey and Karen Mealy were absent at that meeting.

Committee Reports:

Community Corrections – No meeting.

Solid Waste – No meeting.

Economic Development – Warren Brown reported the Gilman Home Store project is moving forward. A new factory is looking at the Montpelier area and several factories in the county are expanding.

Blackford Development - Fred Tobey said they are selling properties.

LEPC – no report

Surveyor Paul Schriver asked the Council to approve a notice to taxpayers of a public hearing on a proposed cumulative drain tax rate. He explained the taxes would be assessed for taxes payable in 2021 and what the money could be used for. The notice must be published this month for the proposal to move forward. The maximum rate is .05 per \$100 of assessed value. The actual rate will be set at future meetings. Karen Mealy moved to go forward with the legal ad for the public hearing. Fred Tobey 2nd and the vote was 6/1 with Ryan Goodspeed voting nay.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Jim Heflin requested the Lieutenant position salary be raised by \$1,500 to \$46,862. A Road Officer is leaving the department and they would like to hire an experienced officer as LT to fill the vacancy. Jack Beckley moved to raise the LT position to \$46,862. Ryan Goodspeed 2nd and the vote was 5/2 with Karen Mealy and Kyle Lechien voting nay.

Heflin also requested changing Officer LeFever from Road Officer to Detective and raising the pay by \$4,925 to \$45,000. LeFever is currently doing Detective work at Road Officer pay. After much discussion the request was continued until the April meeting.

Planning/Zoning Director position be made full-time. This was tabled at the last meeting. Ryan Goodspeed move to take the request off the table and Patrick Cale 2nd. The vote was 5/0. Karen Mealy and Fred Tobey were absent in February. Jack Beckley move to approve the P&Z Director as a full-time position and Kyle Lechien 2nd. The vote was 7/0. The change will take effect on March 7, 2020.

Auditor Hartley presented information to allow money to be moved from County General to the Rainy Day Fund. According to the DLGF the council could move up to \$775,000. Ryan Goodspeed moved to approve Resolution 2020-R1 to transfer \$300,000 from County General to the Rainy Day fund and Patrick Cale 2nd and the vote was 7/0.

Financial Reports for COUNTY GENERAL

Ending Cash Balance as of 2/29/2020	\$ 3,003,252.86
Total Expenditures for February 2020	\$ 466,566.15
Total Revenue for February 2020	\$ 125,862.87

Additional Appropriations: (due to raise given by State grant)
*The Additional Appropriations below were incorrectly approved at the February 5, 2020 meeting.

2505 Community Corrections Project Income (due to state issued raise):

- Group Insurance \$314.75
- Director \$1,121.90
- Deputy Director \$1,009.85
- Extra Help \$1,045.50
- Case Manager \$947.40
- Overtime \$26.65
- FICA \$315.55
- PERF \$470.20

9174 Jail Treatment Grant

- Field Officer \$370.00
- FICA \$28.30
- PERF \$41.70

9177 Community Corrections Grant

- Director \$1,098.65
- Deputy Director \$1,001.25
- Case Manager 1 - \$947.45
- Case Manager 2 - \$1,786.30
- Field Officer \$1,277.70
- Overtime \$246.50
- FICA \$725.75
- PERF \$1,211.15
- Group Insurance \$1,299.25

Patrick Cale moved to approve the above Additional Appropriations, Fred Tobey 2nd and the vote was 7/0.

There being no further comment Patrick Cale made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. and Kyle Lechien 2nd and the vote was 7/0.

Approved this 6th day of May, 2020.

Dan Borgenheimer, President

Karen Mealy, Vice President

Kyle Lechien, Member

Jack Beckley, Member

Ryan Goodspeed, Member

Fred Tobey, Member

Patrick Cale, Member

Attest: Sharon Hartley
Auditor/Secretary