

BLACKFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S

EMERGENCY MEETING May 22, 2020

The Blackford County Commissioners met in an **Emergency Meeting** at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2020 in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor hallway of the Blackford County Courthouse, Hartford City IN. The meeting was available on Zoom.

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** in person, Judge Brian Bade, Laura Coons and Anne Owen. Attending on Zoom were Tyler Hunt, Cheri Brown, Sue Kochanek, Bill Smith, Dana Turner, Teri Charnley, Kathy Goodspeed and Jim Forcum.

The sole purpose of the meeting is to revise the mandate of masks being worn in county government buildings. Early voting begins on Monday, May 26 and voters cannot be compelled to wear a mask.

Judge Bade asked if he can require masks in his department. Commissioners stated department heads may require masks in their own departments if they wish.


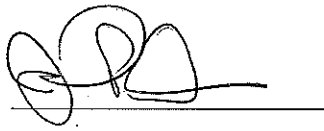
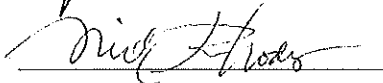
John Oxley moved to remove the mandate on masks. The motion died for lack of a second.

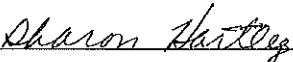
John Oxley made a motion to suspend the mandate of wearing masks but letting departments require them in their offices. Social distancing will still be observed in all areas. Nick Rhodes 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was 3/0.

With the business of the meeting being completed, Nick Rhodes moved to adjourn at 4:20 p.m.

Approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2020.

The Blackford County Board of Commissioners

  
John Lancaster, President  
John Oxley, Vice President  
Nick Rhodes, Member

Attest:   
Auditor Sharon Hartley