

BLACKFORD COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES OF

May 5, 2021

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, May 5, 2021. 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 Jack Beckley, Karen Mealy, Ryan Goodspeed, Dan Borgenheimer, Fred Tobey, Patrick Cale and Kyle Lechien. Also present were: in person were John Oxley, Wayne Bailey, Anne Owen, John Pluimer, Jeff Sones, Bruce Edgington, Mary Beal, Jeff Saylor, Craig Pierson and Nick Rhodes. **Attending on Zoom:** Tyler Hunt, Jessica Pierson, Kathy Goodspeed and Jon Jinks.

The minutes of the April 7, 2021 Regular Council meeting were approved as **Presented** on a motion by Kyle Lechien and 2nd by Fred Tobey. The vote was 7/0.

Committee Reports

Community Corrections – Kyle Lechien – Tyler Hunt - Advisory Bd meeting 5/15/21

Solid Waste – Dan Borgenheimer HHWD is 6/19/21 - Transfer Station open 2nd

Saturday every month

Economic Development – Ryan Goodspeed – no report

Blackford Development – Patrick Cale –no report

LEPC – Ryan Goodspeed – no report

The **Gillman Home Store** ground breaking was held today.

Auditor Hartley gave Council members the list of department heads to work with on the 2022 budget. Hartley also reported the need for an **attorney for the Auditor's Office**. There is money in the 2021 budget that can be transferred. A request will be put in the 2022 budget as well.

Highway Supervisor Bruce Edgington introduced two new employees, Jeff Saylor and Craig Pierson. John Pluimer has passed his 90 days as foreman and Edgington is asking for his rate to go to \$21.86. That is ten cents more than the mechanic and the foreman is over the mechanic position. **Patrick Cale moved to raise foreman Pluimer's rate to \$21.86 per hour. Kyle Lechien 2nd and the vote was 7/0.**

Planning & Zoning Director Anne Owen and Commonwealth Engineer Wayne Bailey presented a Resolution to send to IDEM to show Council support to form the Blackford County Regional Sewer District. Council Attorney Aaron Henderson approved the document. Discussion centered on cost to the county which should be none. The district should be self-sufficient. **Karen Mealy made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-R15 to send to IDEM to form the Blackford County Regional Sewer District. Ryan Goodspeed 2nd and the vote was 7/0.**

Commissioner John Oxley reported **(1)** that the Commissioners are starting a Blackford County Redevelopment Commission that will be run by a board. **(2)** The broadband project has three locations and are negotiating a fourth. **(3)** Courthouse head custodian is off on sick leave and may be for some time. The assistant custodian may be off on sick leave soon too. The Commissioners would like to hire a temporary part-time custodian. After some discussion, **Karen Mealy moved to advertise for a part-time custodian to work no more than 29 hours per week at \$11 per hour. Ryan Goodspeed 2nd and the vote was 7/0.**

Financial Reports for COUNTY GENERAL

Ending Cash Balance as of 4/30/2021	\$ 2,088,075.19
Total Expenditures for April 2021	\$ 392,405.27
Total Revenue for April 2021	\$ 114,116.21

Transfers:

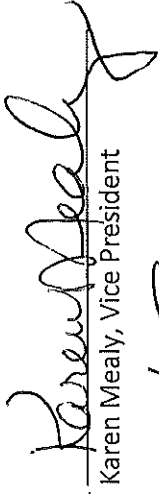
County General Jail: \$217.09 from Patient & Inmate Care to Jail Equipment
Jail: \$1,021.20 from Maintenance Agreements to Jail Equipment

Fred Tobey moved to approve all transfers and Patrick Cale 2nd. The vote was 7/0.

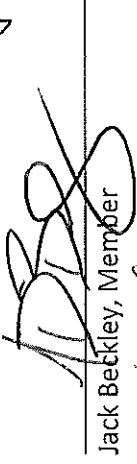
There being no further comment Dan Borgenheimer adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m. on a motion by Kyle Lechien.

Approved this 9th day of June, 2021.


Dan Borgenheimer, President

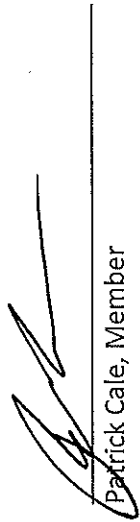

Karen Mealy, Vice President

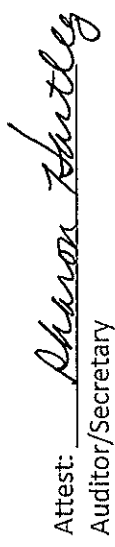

Kyle Lechien, Member


Jack Beckley, Member


Ryan Goodspeed, Member


Fred Tobey, Member


Patrick Cale, Member

Attest: 
Auditor/Secretary