

BLACKFORD COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES OF

May 6, 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, May 6, 2020. The meeting was also available on Zoom

President Dan Borgenheimer called the meeting to order.

Those members answering roll were Dan Borgenheimer, Kyle Lechlen, Ryan Goodspeed, Jack Beckley and Patrick Cale (on Zoom), Fred Tobey and Karen Mealy.

Also present were: in person were Auditor Sharon Hartley and Sheriff Jeff Sones. Joining on Zoom were Tyler Hunt, Warren Brown, Cheri Brown, Kathy Goodspeed, Mary Beal, Jon Jinks, Storms and Kevin Brown.

The minutes of the March 4, 2020 Regular Council meeting were approved as Presented on a motion by Fred Tobey and 2nd by Kyle Lechlen. The vote was 7/0.

The April 8, 2020 meeting was cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

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 received a grant to improve the Wyler lot in Hartford City. LEPC – no report

Sheriff Jeff Sones withdrew his request for a raise for the Detective position. A road officer is currently doing the Detective work.

The Health Department requested the part-time nurse position be made full-time. This is partly due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and also due to the department becoming a Medicare provider which requires extensive paperwork. Jack Beckley moved to make the nurse position full-time due to the Coronavirus and Medicare filings. Ryan Goodspeed 2nd and the vote was 7/0.

Surveyor Paul Schriver's request for a Cum Ditch fund was discussed. Council is not comfortable moving forward with a public hearing when it is hard for the public to attend meetings with the COVID-19 restrictions. Jack Beckley moved to continue the subject until the next meeting and Fred Tobey 2nd. The vote was 7/0.

Jack Beckley proposed a temporary hiring freeze resolution. The topic was discussed and it was decided to exempt the Sheriff's department and Health department due to public safety demands. The changes will be made to the proposed resolution and be considered at the next meeting. Jack Beckley moved to approve exempting the Sheriff and Health departments and Ryan Goodspeed 2nd. The vote was 7/0.

Cathy Leas, Librarian for the Montpelier-Harrison Township Library, sent a Declaration of Fiscal Body for the Council President to sign making the County Council the Fiscal Body in the event of a Binding Review of the budget being necessary. Karen Mealy moved to approve the document and Fred Tobey 2nd. The vote was 7/0.

Financial Reports for COUNTY GENERAL

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| 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 |

Transfers:

Co. Gen. Sheriff - \$240 from Maintenance & Support to Merit Board
Pre-Trial Diversion - \$337.50 from Deferral Misc. Expenses to Operating

Supplies

Fred Tobey moved to approve the transfers and Karen Mealy 2nd. The vote was 7/0.

Financial Reports for COUNTY GENERAL (no meeting in April)

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| Ending Cash Balance as of 3/31/2020 | \$ 2,468,807.13 |
| Total Expenditures for March 2020 | \$ 1,603,629.87 * |
| Total Revenue for March 2020 | \$ 139,086.28 |


*\$300,000 to Rainy Day
*\$242,758.72 payroll (2)
*\$ various contracts

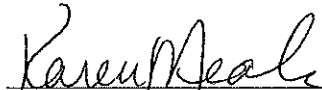
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| Ending Cash Balance as of 4/30/2020 | \$ 2,175,459.78 |
| Total Expenditures for April 2020 | \$ 397,676.38 |
| Total Revenue for April 2020 | \$ 104,329.03 |

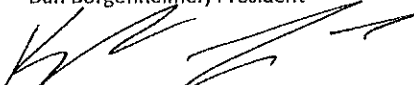
Purdue Extensions Cheri Brown 1) reminded everyone of the roundtable meeting held every Friday at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom. The group discuss various subjects and how to deal with the problems from the COVID-19 issue. 2) the Extension Service will decide on July 15th if and how to hold the 4-H Fair. 3) The OCRA grant provided over \$20,000 to the Hartford City Food Pantry.

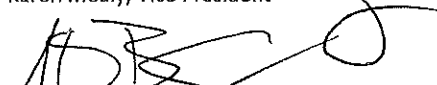
There being no further comment Kyle Lechien made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Approved this 3rd day of June, 2020.

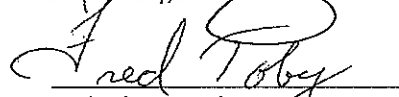

Dan Borgenhelmer, President

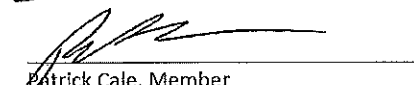

Karen Mealy, Vice President

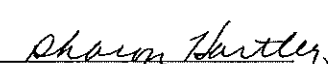

Kyle Lechien, Member


Jack Beckley, Member


Ryan Goodspeed, Member


Fred Tobey, Member


Patrick Cale, Member

Attest: 
Auditor/Secretary