

BLACKFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S

MEETING April 1, 2019

The Blackford County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on April 1, 2019 in the Commissioner's Office located on the first floor of the Blackford County Courthouse, Hartford City IN.

President John Lancaster called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll with Commissioners Nick Rhodes, John Lancaster and John Oxley present. Others in attendance were Mary Beal, Bruce Edgington, Colton Bickel, Anne Owen, Jon Oswalt, Jeff Sones, Sam Swenson, Paul Schriver, Brian Greer, Jon Creek and Amy Day.

The minutes of the March 18, 2019 meeting were approved as presented by a 3/0 vote after a motion by John Oxley and a 2nd by Nick Rhodes.

Veteran's Affairs Officer Jon Oswalt told Commissioner that some of the monuments around the courthouse need repaired. The last time he knows any repairs were done was in 1986. John Lancaster gave approval to get quotes for the repairs.

Planning and Zoning Director Anne Owen informed Commissioners that the proposed zoning ordinance changes will be heard at the May APC meeting due to advertising conflicts.

Sheriff Jeff Sones reported that: 1. the roof has been patched. 2. The inmate count is 26 local males, 14 local females, 23 out of county males and 3 out of county females for a count of 49 males and 17 females. Total count is 66 inmates. 3. The new roof heating/cooling units are up and running but the network controller for the heat pumps and central plant equipment is outdated and not compatible. Sones is working on a solution. 4. Controls on the Jail side need repaired/replaced. The current controls are 22 years old and software is no longer supported. Sheriff Sones presented a proposal from Stanley Convergent Security Solutions for \$106,960. The proposal also included a separate Video Management System for \$42,170. The Commissioners asked Auditor Hartley to find a funding source for the project.

Custodian Tim Stanley told the board that he has contacted some concrete contractors to make repairs to the sidewalks and entrances to the courthouse. The Commissioners asked Stanley to get separate quotes on the sidewalks and entrances.

BCEDC Director Colton Bickel told Commissioners of a Next Level Connections initiative available through the state. This makes funds available for new trails and trail improvements. In order to qualify for a portion of the grant money, the BCEDC need to have a Master Trail Plan for the County. They are asking the County for \$10,000, Hartford City \$4,000, Montpelier \$1,000 and BCEDC \$17,200. This will fund the general plan for trail extensions and repairs. John Oxley made a motion to approve the \$10,000 from EDIT funds and Nick Rhodes 2nd. The vote was 3/0.

Jon Creek spoke about the repairs needed to the Arts Place/Purdue Extension building that were discussed at the March 18 meeting. They are finding more issues and would like to bring it to a future meeting. John Oxley made a motion to table the issue and Nick Rhodes 2nd. The vote was 3/0.

The Commissioners appointment to the Cephia Miles and Melvin Weaver Drains, Ron Enochs, passed away and replacement appointments need to be made. **John Oxley moved to appoint Rodney Miles to the Cephia Miles board and Ryan Bole to the Melvin Weaver board. Nick Rhodes 2nd and the vote was 3/0.**

A letter from **Community & Family Services** informed Commissioners that their appointment to C&FS, Brian Bade (now Circuit Court Judge), has many scheduling conflicts and could be replaced with Tyler Hunt as he is the proxy. John Oxley moved to appoint Tyler Hunt to the **Community & Family Services board** and Nick Rhodes 2nd. The vote was 3/0.

Resolution 2019-R2 Approving Assignment of Blackford County Tax Sale Certificates was signed. Seven properties were approved for certificate assignment at the March 18, 2019 meeting and this is the Resolution for that action.

Building Inspector – need to hold a group meeting

Dog & Cat Control Ordinance – trying to set meeting up with Pam Bonham

Hartford City Health Club – Jason Young and Matt Barnes did not show up at the meeting.

Accounts Payable Claims: Claims were approved in the amount of \$126,908.04 on a motion by Nick Rhodes and 2nd by John Oxley. The vote was 3/0.

Payroll Claims:

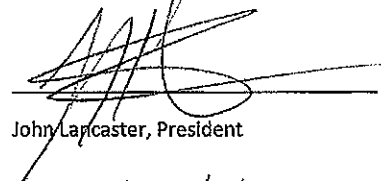
PPE 03/22/2019 Claims for \$115,303.43 were approved on a motion by John Oxley and 2nd by Nick Rhodes and 3/0 vote.

Public Comment – Tim Stanley remarked that Household Hazardous Waste Day was a great opportunity for the courthouse to dispose of waste. Mary Beal asked for an update on the Community Center. John Oxley said he is still working with the foundation to see what can be done.

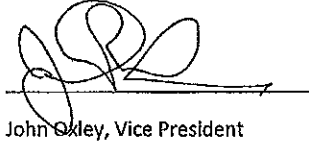
There being no further public comment, Nick Rhodes made a motion to adjourn. **The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 a.m.**

Approved this 15th day of April, 2019.

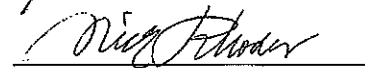
The Blackford County Board of Commissioners

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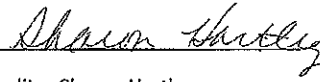
John Lancaster, President

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John Oxley, Vice President

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Nick Rhodes, Member

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Auditor Sharon Hartley