

BLACKFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S

MEETING November 4, 2019

The Blackford County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on November 4, 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 Anne Owen, Kathy Goodspeed, Jeff Sones, Mary Beal, Bruce Edgington, Tyler Hunt, Tim Stanley, Sam Swenson, Ryan Goodspeed, Damon Kemp, Cheri Brown, Warren Brown, Paul Schriver and Jon Oswalt.

The minutes of the October 21, 2019 meeting were approved as presented by a 3/0 vote after a motion by Nick Rhodes and a 2nd by John Oxley.

Warren Brown was welcomed as the new Blackford County Economic Development Commission Director. Brown was selected from several candidates and starts his new job today.

Auditor Sharon Hartley reported the county has received \$126,354.63 from the Landfill Closure/Post Closure Trust that was being held by the bank.

Ordinance 2019-06 making the intersection at CR 200 N & CR 200 W a Four Way Stop was signed. This was approved at the last meeting.

The 2020 Holiday Schedule and 2020 Commissioner's Meeting Schedule were presented. Both were approved on a vote of 3/0 on a motion by John Oxley and 2nd by Nick Rhodes.

Bruce Edgington: 1. they are finished with the surface on CR 200 N. 2. Two pieces of equipment did not receive a bid at the recent sale. Interested parties now have asked to purchase the truck for \$500 and the fork lift for \$200. Since both had been advertised and no bids were received, John Oxley made a motion to sell both items to the interested parties and Nick Rhodes 2nd. The vote was 3/0. 3. Edgington presented a bridge inspection for Bridge 22 for President Lancaster's signature. 4. Edgington presented a grant agreement for Lancaster's signature.

Community Corrections Director Tyler Hunt introduced Damon Kemp as the new Case Manager 2. Hunt also presented a quote for a security door with a key pad entry. Hunt asked the County to pay for half of the cost. John Oxley made a motion to approve the quote and for County to pay half of the cost. Nick Rhodes 2nd and the vote was 3/0. Hunt wants to install a ceiling fan for better circulation that the Community Corrections budget will pay for.

Sheriff Jeff Sones gave the inmate count as 24 local males, 12 local females, 14 out-of-county males and 2 out-of-county females for a total of 52 inmates.

Jon Oswalt, Veteran's Affairs Officer, reported the new computer system, Veteran's Benefit Management System, will be installed by Steven Holman of Cyberian Technology. The system will help speed up benefits due to local Veterans.

Purdue Extension's Cheri Brown announced that Lauryann Thieme will be leaving to work in Delaware County and Mark Carter will be her replacement.

P&Z Director Anne Owen presented an amendment to the current P & Z Ordinance which addressed Wind Farms. Nick Rhodes made a motion to send the amendment on to the Area Plan Commission. John Oxley 2nd and the vote was 3/0.

Accounts Payable Claims: Claims were approved in the amount of \$84,410.98 on a motion by Nick Rhodes, 2nd by John Oxley. The vote was 3/0.

Payroll Claims:

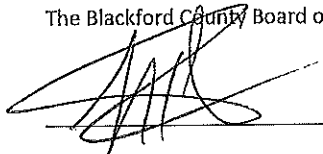
PPE 10/18/2019 Claims for \$126,144.44 were approved on a motion by John Oxley and 2nd by Nick Rhodes. The vote was 3/0.

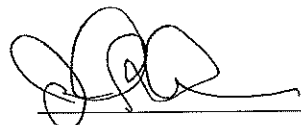
Public Comment:

There being no further public comment, John Oxley made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

Approved this 18th day of November, 2019.

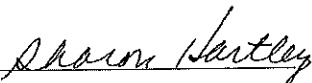
The Blackford County Board of Commissioners



John Lancaster, President

John Oxley, Vice President

Nick Rhodes, Member

Attest: 

Auditor Sharon Hartley