

## BLACKFORD COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES OF

November 9, 2022

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 meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2022. The meeting was also available on Zoom.

**Dan Borgenheimer called the Regular Meeting to order**, and Auditor Sharon Hartley called roll. **Those members answering roll** were, Kyle Lechien, Dan Borgenheimer, Jack Beckley, Patrick Cale, and Ryan Goodspeed present. Fred Tobey was absent. Karen Mealy attended on Zoom. **Also present** were in person, Tyler Hunt, Warren Brown, John Oxley, Cheri Brown, Laura Coons, Dan Eckstein, Rhonda Williams, John Pluimer, and Jeff Sones. **Attending on Zoom:** Karen Mealy, Chazz Shrader, Aaron Henderson, and Mary Beal.

**The minutes of the October 5, 2022, Regular Council meeting** were approved as **Presented** on a motion by Kyle Lechien and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan Goodspeed. The vote was 4/0. Tobey was absent 11/9. Beckley and Cale were absent 10/5.

### Committee Reports

Community Corrections – Kyle Lechien – no report  
Solid Waste – Dan Borgenheimer – no report  
Economic Development – Ryan Goodspeed – see Warren below  
Blackford Development – Patrick Cale – no report  
LEPC – Ryan Goodspeed – no report

**Warren Brown (1)** Quotes for work on the rest of the Newberry building will be requested soon. **(2)** The Newberry building was inspected by the State, Planning and Zoning and the Fire Chief and everything passes inspection. **(3)** The second Small Business meeting was well received. Assistance will be made available for businesses to be able to offer gift cards. **(4)** EDF Solar has a firm they want to use for the final road use agreement with no cost to the county. **(5)** A public meeting will be held in December on the Comprehensive Plan.

**Health Department – Rhonda Williams** – Request the Nurse LPN pay rate be set at \$20.00 in 2023. The current 2023 rate would be \$19.50. After reviewing other county pay rates, **Patrick Cale moved to approve \$20.00 per hour pay rate for the Nurse LPN beginning 1/1/2023. Ryan Goodspeed 2<sup>nd</sup> and the vote was 6/0.**

**The EMA Wage Reimbursement Grant application was presented for approval.** The grant will reimburse \$7,185.19 of the 2022 EMA Director's salary. **Kyle Lechien moved to approve the grant application and Patrick Cale 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was 6/0.**

**Highway Department – John Pluimer** – **(1)** Paving on CR 075 near 3M was estimated at \$112,000. The final cost was \$104,855.87. The highway department hauled materials which reduced the cost. **(2)** The ADA documents have been updated and submitted. **(3)** A small bridge on CR 500 S east of 500 E was repaired. **(4)** the bridge work on CR 100 W is ahead of schedule and should be finished before Thanksgiving.

**Cheri Brown** – **(1)** The second year for the Trunk or Treat attracted 500+ children. **(2)** The small business meeting went well. Business owners request more meetings be held. **(3)** Brown requested the board consider using the Opioid Settlement unrestricted funds for prevention.

**Hartford City Public Library** requested an appointment to their board. **Jack Beckley moved to reappoint Dave Bowman and Kyle Lechien 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was 6/0.**

**Alcohol Beverage Committee** – Ian Foreman has resigned. **Jack Beckley moved to appoint Gary Glancy to fill the position and Patrick Cale 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was 6/0.**

**2022 Salary Ordinance Amendment – Drainage Board** requests the board pay be raised from \$45 per meeting to \$50 per meeting. **The Health Department** requests the Health Board pay be raised from \$50 per meeting to \$60 per meeting. **Patrick Cale moved to approve both requests and Dan Borgenheimer 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was 6/0.**

**The Council meeting dates for 2023** were approved on a motion by Jack Beckley, second by Patrick Cale and 6/0 vote.

**The 2023 Salary Ordinance** was approved on a motion by Patrick Cale and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan Goodspeed. The vote was 6/0.

**The Coroner's request for \$4,000 for an attorney** was denied on a motion by Ryan Goodspeed, second by Jack Beckley and 6/0 vote.

Financial Reports for COUNTY GENERAL

Ending Cash Balance as of 10/31/2022	\$ 1,214,053.43
Total Expenditures for October 2022	\$ 306,803.42
Total Revenue for October 2022	\$ 147,527.54

**Additional Appropriations:**

EBPF - \$48,740 Computer Hardware – 4 servers for new jail system  
Council wants this paid from the Rainy Day fund  
**Approved from the Rainy Day fund on a motion by Jack Beckley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kyle Lechien and 6/0 vote.**

Cum Bridge - \$105,000 – CCMG Bridge #19 (work planned for 2023 started in 2022)

**Approved on a motion by Patrick Cale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kyle Lechien and 6/0 vote.**

Highway Restricted - \$151,576.65 – Wheel Tax Repairs and Stone  
**Approved on a motion by Patrick Cale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kyle Lechien and 6/0 vote.**

**Transfers:**

**County General:**

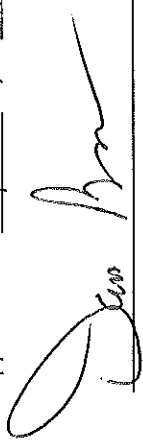
Auditor – 300 from Legal Services to Office Supplies  
Surveyor - \$312 from Meals & Lodging to Extra Help  
Child Support - \$600 from Extra Help to Prosecutor’s Investigator  
                    \$911.45 from Copier Lease to Prosecutor’s Investigator  
Superior Court - \$704.46 from Per Diem Petit Jurors to Legal Research Material  
Circuit Court - \$120 from Maintenance Agreements to Travel  
                    \$100 from Courtroom Equipment to Judge Pro Tem  
                    \$150 from Courtroom Equipment to Travel  
                    \$35 from Courtroom Equipment to Jury Meals  
Jail – \$213.65 from Clothing Inmates to Inmate Supplies  
                    \$100.35 from Misc. to Inmate Supplies  
Container Collection Site - \$770.06 from Repair of Equipment to Gas, Oil & Lube  
Cum Cap Development - \$8,408 from Culverts to Engineering Fees  
MVH Restricted - \$5,300 from Drivers/Operators to Foreman  
Highway - \$12,601.80 from Insurance to Repair of Building  
                    \$2,500 from Dump Truck to Repair of Building  
                    \$500 from Repair of Equipment to Garage Mechanic  
Highway \$2,500 from Operator/Drivers to Foreman  
                    \$2,000 from Operator/Drivers to Uniforms  
                    \$30,000 from Operator/Drivers to Gas, Oil & Lube  
E911 - \$68 from Extra Help to Equipment Rental  
                    \$99 from Extra Help to Equipment  
                    \$97.80 from Dispatcher Davis to Equipment

**Motion to approve all transfers was Patrick Cale and a 6/0 vote.**

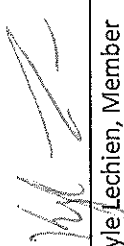
Dan Borgenheimer thanked the council members for their work on the 2023 salary ordinance.

There being no further comment President Borgenheimer adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m. on a motion by Kyle Lechien and 6/0 vote.

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

  
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Dan Borgenheimer, President

  
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Karen Mealy, Vice President

  
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Kyle Lechien, Member


  
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Jack Beckley, Member


  
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Fred Tobey, Member

*absent 11/9/22*

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Ryan Goodspeed, Member

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Fred Tobey, Member

  
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Patrick Cale, Member

Attest:   
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Auditor/Secretary

