

BLACKFORD COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES OF

October 5, 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, October 5, 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, Karen Mealy, Fred Tobey and, Ryan Goodspeed present. Also present were in person, Tyler Hunt, Zack Crouch, Chazz Shrader, Sheila Hyer, Warren Brown, John Oxley, Cheri Brown, Dana Turner and Bill Aspy. Attending on Zoom: Sue Kochanek, Jeff Sones, Gary Thompson, and Mary Beal.

The minutes of the September 7, 2022, Regular Council meeting were approved as Amended on a motion by Ryan Goodspeed and 2nd by Karen Mealy. The vote was 4/0. Tobey were absent 9/7

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) reported plan to bring fiber to the towers is still in the works. **(2)** the Newberry building project is hiring a new contractor. Plans have been approved. New funding will be needed to complete the rest of the building. **(3)** the 2023-2024 EDIT plan is ready for committee review. **(4)** the wind and solar projects as well as a new hotel are still in process.

Coroner Zach Crouch had a funds transfer for legal fees denied at the last meeting. He would like to submit an Additional Appropriation for \$4,000 for an attorney retainer. After discussion, **Ryan Goodspeed suggested the discussion be continue the until next month and talk to Prosecutor Basey and Attorney Henderson about a “Memo of Understanding”.**

Cheri Brown – (1) The Pixar movie Inside Out will be shown on October 8 at Weiler Plaza. **(2)** Fall Fest will be held at the 4H grounds on October 29 at 5:30 pm. **(3)** The next small business meeting will be help on October 26 at 6 pm at Hartford City, City Hall.

Gary Thompson from ECI – His group can help with broadband and cyber protection. Warren Brown is meeting with them.

Sheila Hyer – talked with the council members about the Assessor’s pay in 2023. Council will consult with Lori Seelen. There will be an Executive Session on the Salary Ordinance on Wednesday, October 19 at 6:00 pm in the Commissioner’s room.

The 2023 Salary Ordinance approval was continued.

Financial Reports for COUNTY GENERAL

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| Ending Cash Balance as of 9/30/2022 | \$ 1,373,329.31 |
| Total Expenditures for September 2022 | \$ 506,975.71 |
| Total Revenue for September 2022 | \$ 121,836.39 |

Additional Appropriations:

Prosecutor’s Law Enforcement \$750 - **Motion to approve Fred Tobey, 2nd Ryan Goodspeed, vote 5/0.**

Transfers:

County General:
Sheriff - \$1386.86 from Radios to Police Car
\$1,359.51 from ERT to Police Car

Motion to Approve by Ryan Goodspeed, 2nd Karen Mealy, vote 5/0.

Custodian - \$3,000 from Custodian to Custodial Supplies
\$3,500 from Asst. Custodian to Contractual Services

Transfers continued:

Motion to approve Kyle Lechien, 2nd Ryan Goodspeed, vote 5/0.

E911 Dispatch - \$196.80 from Dispatcher Shockley to Equipment

Motion to Approve by Ryan Goodspeed, 2nd Karen Mealy, vote 5/0.

Health Testing Sub Grant - \$2,537 from Operating Supplies to Storage Shed


\$ 798 from Truck to Storage Shed

\$ 825 from Trailer Heater to Storage Shed

Motion to approve by Fred Tobey, 2nd Karen Mealy, vote 5/0.


There being no further comment President Borgenheimer adjourned the meeting at 7:10p.m. on a motion by Kyle Lechien and 5/0 vote.

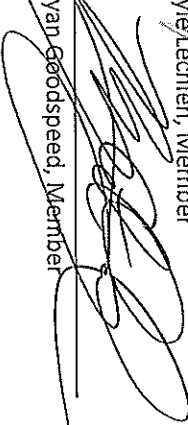
Approved this 9th day of November, 2022.



Dan Borgenheimer, President

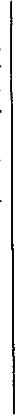

Karen Mealy, Vice President


Kyle Lechien, Member


Jack Beckley, Member


Ryan Goodspeed, Member


Fred Tobey, Member


Patrick Cale, Member

Attest: 
Dawn Huntley
Auditor/Secretary