

BLACKFORD COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES OF

September 7, 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, September 7, 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, Patrick Cale, Dan Borgenheimer, Karen Mealy, and Jack Beckley present. Ryan Goodspeed attended on Zoom. **Also present** were in person, Tyler Hunt, Sue Kochanek, Chazz Shrader, John Pluimer, Laura Coons, Sheila Hyer, Jeff Sones, Warren Brown, John Oxley, Jimmy Heflin, Cheri Brown and Mary Beal. **Attending on Zoom:** Rhonda Williams, Jon Jinks, Judge Brian Bade and Kathy Goodspeed.

The minutes of the August 3, 2022, Regular Council meeting were approved as **Presented** on a motion by Karen Mealy and 2nd by Patrick Cale. The vote was 6/0. Tobey were absent 9/7.

The minutes of the August 17, 2022, Budget Appeals Meeting were approved as **Presented** on a motion by Patrick Cale and 2nd by Kyle Lechien. The vote was 6/0. 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 the commissioners have signed a contract with Pyramid Engineering to plan the fiber to the towers. **(2)** An agreement has been signed with Kleinpeter to act as grant administrator for the Comprehensive plan.

Recorder Kelli Schriver presented the annual Ordinance for use of \$5,630 from her Recorder's Perpetuation fund for the 2023 budget. **Ryan Goodspeed moved to approve the ordinance and Freed Tobey 2nd. The vote was 7/0.** *8/3 meeting*

Sheila Hyer will be the next county Assessor and asked to hire a part time person in 2022 to train for the full-time position in 2023. After discussion on hours needed and the pay rate, **Jack Beckley moved to hire a full time Assessor Deputy to begin in December at a rate of \$13.50 per hour (which will be the 2023 rate). Karen Mealy 2nd and the vote was 6/0.**

Community Corrections Director Tyler Hunt reported that a Case Manager will be leaving, and he would like to reinstate the position which is paid through a grant. **Jack Beckley moved to reinstate the Case Manager position and Karen Mealy 2nd. The vote was 6/0.**

Highway Superintendent John Pluimer (1) the Chipper is fixed and sealing of county roads is nearly finished. **(2)** He found a bat-wing mower to use at the transfer station. Commissioners approved the \$17,500 cost which will come from his budget.

Commissioners Oxley and Coons presented the report from DLZ on the condition of the courthouse. The first priority is the **clock tower** at an estimated cost of \$650,000 - \$900,000 to repair. Other problem areas will need attention in the next five to ten years. They also reported that the commissioners are waiting for a contract with the **Animal Shelter**. For 2023, the left the assistance at \$29,438.

Health Department's Rhonda Williams explained the Local Health maintenance Additional Appropriation of \$8,000 for wages and FICA for the remainder of 2022. **Kyle Lechien moved to approve the additional and Ryan Goodspeed 2nd and the vote was 6/0.**

The 2023 Solid Waste District Budget was approved on a motion by Ryan Goodspeed, 2nd by Patrick Cale and 6/0 vote.

The 2023 Blackford County Budget was approved on a motion by Karen Mealy, 2nd by Patrick Cale and 5/1 vote. Jack Beckley voted nay.

The 2023 Salary Ordinance will be presented at the next meeting.

Ryan Goodspeed reported he has tried to contact companies to complete job descriptions for county employees. Goodspeed, Jack Beckley and Sharon Hartley all reported Waggoner, Irwin and Scheele is the only company to have a good reputation and recommendation from other users. Dan Borgenheimer moved to approve WIS to prepare job descriptions for the county per the agreement previously submitted to council except for the Sheriff Department, Jail and Dispatch. Ryan Goodspeed 2nd and the vote was 6/0.

Financial Reports for COUNTY GENERAL

Ending Cash Balance as of 8/31/2022	\$ 1,758,468.63
Total Expenditures for August 2022	\$ 840,076.55
Total Revenue for August 2022	\$ 122,309.54

Additional Appropriations:

EDIT- \$51,309 for Newberry building BOT (loan) **Motion to approve Patrick Cale, 2nd Jack Beckley, vote 6/0.**

Local Health Maintenance - \$7,400 Immunization Secretary
Local Health Maintenance - \$600 FICA **Motion to approve both Kyle Lechien, 2nd Ryan Goodspeed, vote 6/0.**

ARR Grant - \$100,000 Broadband Project
APR - \$279,330 Sheriff Global System
ARR - \$219,150 Rehab Bridge #18 **Motion to approve all three Karen Mealy, 2nd Kyle Lechien, vote 6/0.**

Transfers:

County General:

Coroner \$2,000 from Deputy coroner to Legal Services **Motion to Deny Ryan Goodspeed, 2nd Dan Borgenheimer, vote 6/0.**

Superior Court \$1.30 from Contractual Services to Legal Research Materials **Motion to approve Jack Beckley, 2nd Karen Mealy, vote 6/0.**

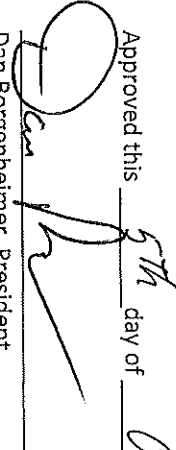
Circuit Court \$180 from Pauper Transcripts to Dues **Motion to approve Jack Beckley, 2nd Patrick Cale, vote 6/0.**

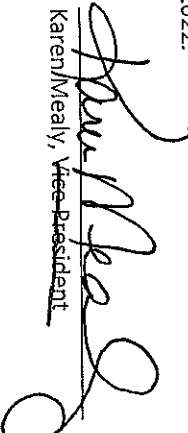
Cumulative Capital Development \$16,000 from Culverts to Engineering Fees
Local Roads & Streets \$50,000 from Equipment to Road Repairs **Motion to approve both CCD and LRS Jack Beckley, 2nd Kyle Lechien, vote 6/0.**


Cheri Brown is taking volunteers to help at the gate for Civil War Days on October 1st and 2nd. Also, a Small Business discussion will be held Wednesday, September 14 at Hartford City, City Hall at 6:00 p. m. Dinner will be served by BCEDC.

There being no further comment President Borgenheimer adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m. on a motion by Kyle Lechien and 6/0 vote.

Approved this 5th day of October, 2022.


Dan Borgenheimer, President


Karen Mealy, ~~Vice~~ President

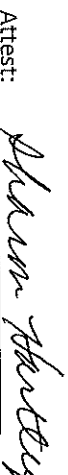

Kyle Lechien, Member

Jack Beckley, Member


Ryan Goodspeed, Member


Fred Tobey, Member

Patrick Cale, Member

Attest: 
Auditor/Secretary