

RECORD OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL OF ORANGE COUNTY, INDIANA  
SEPTEMBER 18th, 2020 AT 5:00PM

OFFICIALS PRESENT were Council members Matt Henderson, Alan Waynick, Chad Hager, Robin Stackhouse, Jack Hinkle, and Zach Brown. Also present, Auditor Lonnie Stroud and Sheriff Josh Babcock.

Bob McDonald gave prayer. President Matt Henderson called to order the Council meeting.

In the regular meeting President Matt Henderson asked if the Council had an opportunity to review the budget for the County and the Form 4's for the County, Orange County Fire District, Orange County Solid Waste, and the Conservancy District? After a short pause Chad Hager made the motion to approve the Form 4 for the County, seconded by Robin Stackhouse, and carried 7-0. Alan Waynick made the motion to approve the Orange County Fire District Form 4, seconded by Jack Hinkle, and the motion carried 7-0. Robin Stackhouse made the motion to approve the Solid Waste District Form 4, seconded by Chad Hager, and the motion carried 7-0. Motion to approve the Conservancy District Form 4 was made by Jack Hinkle, seconded by Zach Brown, and carried 7-0.

Minutes from August 20th meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as written was made Alan Waynick, seconded by Jack Hinkle, and carried 7-0.

Sheriff gave August stats. Sheriff also reported on an escape attempt that was made and that both individuals are now being held at other facilities. One was taken by Crawford County and the other Clark County, both at no cost to Orange County. Sheriff Babcock also reported that some work that he was able to have done with Commissary funds made it possible to pass the lighting inspection with the Jail Inspector.

Carl Anderson, Orange County Highway Superintendent, gave road work progress report and reported on some work that needed to be done on the South Gospel Street Bridge. There was a crack that was identified that will need to be repaired before it becomes a large issue. Verbal was given for Carl to move forward with that project and the additional appropriation will be published for the October meeting. There is also a bridge on 500 North that will need attention in the near future and the appropriation will be around \$300,000 to replace that structure. Carl also reported that MVH collections has rebounded to last year levels.

There was an Ordinance that was prepared for the CASA Department to collect a fee for services provided in divorce cases but there was no one that could represent the request from that office. Ordinance was tabled.

Matt Henderson reported on a committee that will be put together to hear plans for the possibility of the County purchasing the JSI factory on Hospital Road for a Complex site. The Council appointments will be Alan Waynick, Matt Henderson, and Zach Brown. That committee will meet October 2 to hear on the feasibility of that site for the County's needs. It was reported that the County could potentially rent part of the facility as warehouse space to generate income. There is interest in the current County Complex to be used as apartment housing. Auditor Stroud reported that the County would contract with a financial adviser to determine funding possibilities.

Additional appropriations and transfers were presented and passed with proper motion and vote.

Chad Hager reported that the County has agreed on a plan with the Amish for buggy registration. The fee will be \$80 each for buggies that transport people (excludes wagons and equipment). The total number of Orange County buggies was 410. This is a move in the right direction on addressing the damage done to county roads by horse drawn carriages.

With no further business to discuss the motion to adjourn was made by Chad Hager, seconded by Jack Hinkle, and carried 7-0.

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Matt Henderson, President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lonnie Stroud, Orange County Auditor