

RECORD OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL OF ORANGE COUNTY, INDIANA
FEBRUARY 23, 2021 AT 5:00PM

OFFICIALS PRESENT were Council members Matt Henderson, Alan Waynick, Chad Hager, Robin Stackhouse, Jack Hinkle, John Robert (Bob) McDonald, and Zach Brown. Also present was Auditor Lonnie Stroud, Sheriff Josh Babcock, and County Attorney JC Tucker.

Chad Hager led in the Pledge to the Flag. Bob McDonald gave prayer.

Council President, Chad Hager called the meeting to order.

Minutes from January 21st meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as written was made Matt Henderson seconded by Jack Hinkle, and carried 7-0.

JC Tucker, Orange County Attorney, presented Ordinance 2021-01 authorizing the issuance of the Orange County taxable local income tax revenue bonds 2021 for the purpose of providing funds to be applied to the cost of the acquisition of facilities for County use, related improvements, and incidental expenses in connection therewith. Discussion on the 1.9-million-dollar purchase that will be paid for over not more than 15 years and at a rate not higher than 4% interest. There will be a possible tenant for 40,000 square feet at \$0.25 a square foot with others interested. Richard Dixon was present to answer any questions. Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-01 was made by Matt Henderson, seconded by Zach Brown, and carried 7-0.

Carl Anderson, Orange County Highway Superintendent, gave highway report. Carl requested a verbal to add additional cameras (\$6,692) to the Highway Garage area and to purchase a foreman truck with plow and salt spreader (\$69,761). Verbal consensus was given for both to be published for the March meeting.

Sheriff Josh Babcock gave January stats and reported that the Jail had 79 inmates currently with one inmate at Crawford County Jail. Sheriff also reported that the padded cell needed to have repair work and he received two bids after soliciting three. The low bid was for \$5,200. Sheriff requested permission to pay for the repairs from the Jail Commissary fund. Consensus was given for the Sheriff to use those funds that are under his authority. Frank Lynd and Commissioner Richard Dixon presented two bids to have the HVAC control system replace for the County Complex (going from pneumatic to electric controls). The low bid was from Mehringer Mechanical for \$182,355. It was the consensus of the Council for the Commissioners to proceed with the agreement and funding will be advertised to come from Cumulative Capital Development Fund. This will allow the County to use other HVAC vendors than Johnson Control in the future as well. Frank presented information and update on the failing HVAC system that was installed at the Community Center. The unit was just over one year old and is believed to have had faulty equipment installed. Frank reported that it was uncertain who would have to pay for the repairs, either the County or the manufacturer, Frank was working with Mehringer to gather information.

Auditor Stroud reported that the annual financial report was submitted. Stroud also reported that the total for the stipend ended up being \$77,897.55.

Additional appropriations and transfers were presented and passed with proper motion and vote (date on printed ordinances were adjusted due to meeting date changing).

With no further business to discuss the motion to adjourn was made by Matt Henderson, seconded by Robin Stackhouse, and carried 7-0.

Chad Hager, President

Attest: _____
Lonnie Stroud, Orange County Auditor