

RECORD OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL OF ORANGE COUNTY, INDIANA
MAY 20, 2021 AT 5:00PM

OFFICIALS PRESENT were Council members Matt Henderson, Alan Waynick, Chad Hager, Robin Stackhouse, Jack Hinkle, and John Robert (Bob) McDonald, Not Present was Zach Brown. Also present, Auditor Lonnie Stroud.

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

Council President, Chad Hager called the meeting to order.

Minutes from April 15th meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as written was made Alan Waynick seconded by Jack Hinkle, and carried 6-0.

Carl Anderson, County Highway Superintendent, reported on the County receiving the Community Crossing Grant for \$999,057.90. With the County's match this will be \$1,333,077.20 of work to be done on the county roads. The bids requested are out and will be opened at a special Commissioners meeting on May 27th at 4:00pm. Carl reported that the crack sealer that he was given verbal approval to purchase has been delivered. Carl requested verbal permission to purchase extra culvert stock before the price goes up. Council verbally approved \$50,000 to be spent. Carl requested that the Council consider allowing him to request an additional \$180,000 be appropriated from the Highway fund to replace the budget cut amount. Verbal was granted for Carl to have the additional published for the June Council meeting. Carl reported that all three districts have being working together to knock out road prep for the Community Crossing Grant roads.

Brandy Reem, CVB Director, introduced herself. Brandy reported looking forward to working with the county to get tourism back on track post pandemic.

Auditor Stroud presented the request for real estate property abatement continuation of Granite. Stroud reported that the continuation form was filed with the office in time but since the Council did not meet before the deadline a Resolution must be approved as well. Motion to approve Resolution 2021-06 waiving the noncompliance with the filing deadline was made by Matt Henderson, seconded by Robin Stackhouse, and carried 6-0. Motion to continue the abatement was made by Matt Henderson, seconded by Robin Stackhouse, and carried 6-0. Same for REMC abatement filing. Motion to approve Resolution 2021-05 waiving the noncompliance with the filing deadline was made by Alan Waynick, seconded by Jack Hinkle, and carried 6-0. Motion to approve the abatement continuation was made by Alan Waynick, seconded by Jack Hinkle, and carried 6-0. Stroud requested the Council consider the salary increase discussion begin early this year with respects to having a salary study done or paying longevity. Stroud was requested by Council to have the Commissioners look into contracting for a salary study.

Additional appropriations and transfers were presented and passed with proper motion and vote. Chad Hager encouraged the Council to consider raises as none were given last year.

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

Chad Hager, President

Attest: _____
Lonnie Stroud, Orange County Auditor