

RECORD OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL OF ORANGE COUNTY, INDIANA
JUNE 17, 2021 AT 5:00PM

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

Chad Hager led in the Pledge to the Flag. Jack Hinkle gave prayer.

Council President, Chad Hager called the meeting to order.

Minutes from May 20th meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as written was made Zach Brown seconded by Jack Hinkle, and carried 6-0.

Carl Anderson, County Highway Superintendent, reported on the current work that the County is doing to prep for the Community Crossing Grant work. The Highway Department will begin chip and sealing and cold mix in mid-July after the prep is complete. Carl reported that he and the 3 District Forman attended the 2021 IACHES conference, The County District Forman will also meet with Senator Mike Braun at the upcoming southwest meeting at the Patoka Lake Winery later in the summer as well. Carl reported that some culvert material has already been purchased with the additional appropriated money. Carl reported that the hot mix from Calcar Paving will begin mid-July after questioned by Matt Henderson. Carl concluded by reporting that the county was able to purchase 95 loads of millings and place gravel for the parking lot at the Community Center. This will not complete the parking lot but will be a good start to the end product once a contractor is identified for that in the future.

Sheriff Josh Babcock presented May stats. Sheriff reported that there were currently 72 inmates in the facility. Sheriff also presented Chad Hager Council President with a simi annual Commissary report for the record.

Auditor Stroud presented information on the American Recovery Plan Act. Stroud reported that the County received a 1.9 million deposit. Stroud reported that the Commissioners have allowed him to have Peters Municipal do a revenue loss estimate (\$1,200) to identify what the county can spend of that money from that fund to offset the loss that was seen in 2020. The money will be appropriated and paid from that fund and not routed through the fund that the loss was identified to be in however. Stroud reported that the County Commissioners also approved Peters Municipal to do a salary study for the county (\$5,000). These two appropriations will be in the July advertisement for consideration. Stroud also reported that the County would need to have a capital asset audit done and the information formatted for State Board of Accounts in the annual financial report. The Commissioners approved an agreement with Ron Heller for the amount not to exceed \$6,000 to perform this task. Once the documentation is completed and a depreciation schedule is established with the historical cost included it will be included in the County web page for department updates. This amount will also be presented at the July Council meeting for consideration after publishing. In conclusion, Stroud reported that the budget process will begin after June 30th this will include all county offices receiving their budget request form and Auditor Stroud working on the estimated revenue for 2022.

Additional appropriations were presented and passed with proper motion and vote with the exception of the CASA fund request for Volunteer Recognition for \$1,000. This line item was tabled and no appropriation was made with a motion by Matt Henderson, seconded by Jack Hinkle, and carried 5-0-1 with Bob McDonald abstaining from voting.

With no further business to discuss the motion to adjourn was made by Matt Henderson, seconded by Jack Hinkle, and carried 6-0.

Chad Hager, President

Attest: _____
Lonnie Stroud, Orange County Auditor