

RECORD OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL OF ORANGE COUNTY, INDIANA
JANUARY 17, 2019 AT 5:00PM

OFFICIALS PRESENT were Council members John Robert (Bob) McDonald, Chad Hager, Alan Waynick, Robin Stackhouse, Greg Farlow, Jack Hinkle, and Matt Henderson. Also present, Sheriff Josh Babcock and Auditor Lonnie Stroud.

President Robin Stackhouse started the meeting, and Auditor Stroud opened with prayer.

Minutes from the December 13th meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept minute as written was made by Matt Henderson, seconded by Robert McDonald, and carried 7-0.

President Robin Stackhouse opened the floor for nomination for the annual reorganization of the Council. Alan Waynick nominated Matt Henderson for Council President, Chad Hager seconded that nomination. Motion to close nominations and appoint Matt Henderson President was made by Robert McDonald, seconded by Greg Farlow and carried 7-0. Robin Stackhouse nominated Jack Hinkle Vice President of Council, Chad Hager seconded the nomination. Robin Stackhouse made the motion to close the nomination and appoint Jack Hinkle Vice President, seconded by Robert McDonald, and carried 7-0.

Sheriff gave December stats. Sheriff reported that 90 were held in the Orange County Jail at the time of the meeting. Sheriff presented the Council with the 2018 annual report and the semiannual commissary report.

Beth Jones, County Clerk, presented the Council with a request for an additional part time person. Beth explained the task that the new person would be doing and that she will be able to pay the position out of the Clerks Record Perpetuation fund. Alan made the motion to approve the new position, seconded by Robert McDonald, and carried 7-0. Beth will present the Auditor with an additional appropriation request for the amount of money that will need to be appropriated so that amount can be published and brought back to Council for review.

Carl Anderson, Highway, gave year end report. \$2,097,988 was spent for hot mix, cold mix, rock, road oil, and concrete in 2018. Carl reported that Bridge 57 was in poor condition and requested verbal permission to go forward with requesting additional appropriation of \$100,000 for repair. Carl reported that the Highway department would like to seek bids on a 30,000 lb. truck lift for the garage and to have the county garage roof painted/sealed. Verbal was given to proceed on all issues. Carl concluded with bragging on the highway for the amount of work completed.

Richard Dixon, County Commissioner, requested that the Council approve the position of Highway Superintendent. Richard reported that the Commissioners wished to appoint Carl Anderson to that position. Richard described the benefits of having a Superintendent again. Chad Hager commented that he found that the requested amount of 47,000 from Highway fund and \$5,000 from Solid Waste was well in line of what he found to be fair and maybe on the low side. Motion to approve the position with county benefits and the Salary Ordinance amendment allowing the pay from those two sources contingent Solid Waste approval was made by Alan Waynick, seconded by Chad Hager, and carried 7-0.

Abby Heidenreich, Purdue Extension County Director, presented information on adding a third educator. The County currently splits up 4-H duties between the Agriculture and Human Health. The third position would focus on 4-H leaving Ag and HHS to focus on their areas. The County currently pays \$43,720 for 2 educators. For three educators it would cost the county \$107,345 because the county would be responsible for the salary and benefit of that third educator. Discussion on the benefit of having 3 was presented and discussed.

Auditor Stroud presented the Council with the 2018 encumbrance request from the county departments. Robin Stackhouse ask if the Auditor's office had reviewed the supporting documentation and Stroud reported that he did. There were bills attached and ongoing contracts referenced with all of the request. Robin made the motion to approve the total encumbrance amount of \$648,419.83, seconded by Robert McDonald, and carried 7-0. Stroud presented the salary ordinance to fix the error of the EMA 2% raise of \$700 that was not included in the prior approved salary ordinance, Motion to approve the amended salary ordinance for the EMA was made by Greg Farlow, seconded by Robin Stackhouse, and carried 7-0. Stroud presented the salary ordinance for the CASA part time position. Motion to approve the amended part time ordinance allowing \$15.33 and hour for the CASA part time person was made by Robin Stackhouse, seconded by Chad Hager, and carried 7-0. Stroud presented the Council with the following appointments: County Extension Board – Motion to appoint Robert McDonald was made by Alan Waynick, seconded by Robin Stackhouse, and carried 7-0. Community Building – motion to appoint Alan Waynick was made by Chad Hager, seconded by Jack Hinkle and carried 7-0. Orange County Economic Development – Motion to appoint Robin Stackhouse was made by Chad Hager, seconded by Jack Hinkle, and carried 6-0-1 w/ Robin abstaining. Region 15 Planning Commission – Motion to appoint Jack Hinkle was made by Chad Hager, seconded by Alan Waynick, and carried 7-0. Solid Waste Board – Motion to appoint Chad Hager was made by Robin Stackhouse, seconded by Greg Farlow, and carried 7-0. Auditor Stroud continued by presenting the Council with two Casino requests for court room recorders in both court rooms. Stroud reported that the amounts are for installation and equipment. The annual service agreement of \$700 would need to be budgeted from the General fund. Motion to approve \$4,030 for each court to replace court room recorders with Casino money was made by Alan Waynick, seconded by Robin Stackhouse, and carried 7-0. Stroud concluded with reporting that the Gateway download of the 100R and the publishing of salaries of county employees was complete. Stroud reported that the 2018 Annual financial report was being worked on as well with a deadline of March 1st.

Carl Anderson requested permission to reapply for the Community Crossing Grant and for the Council to allow the reapplication of the Casino money appropriated last year. Council consented for Carl to proceed.

Additional appropriations and transfers were reviewed, and approved, as shown on the attached ordinance.

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

Matt Henderson, President

Attest: _____
Lonnie Stroud, Orange County Auditor