

RECORD OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL OF ORANGE COUNTY, INDIANA
APRIL 18th, 2019 AT 5:00PM

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

President Matt Henderson started the meeting, and Roger Robinson opened with prayer.

Minutes from the March 21st meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept minute as written was made by Alan Waynick, seconded by Chad Hager, and carried 7-0.

Sheriff gave March stats and reported current jail population at 97. Sheriff also reported on the county K-9 program and training at no cost to the county.

Billie Deel, Orange County Treasurer, presented a request to have verbal approval to seek out a new tax software system. The county has been having issues with communication between the Assessor's information and the Auditor's and customer service has not been satisfactory. The tax program that the county treasurer and auditor use is a vital software system that keeps tax records and does the calculations that provides the county and all the units funding. The current system was purchased in 1992 and has been updated as needed. The new software would be much more user friendly and have many new features to provide information that is not available with the current system. The cost of the new software is \$237,000 plus \$39,000 annually. If the county is one of the first 5 to purchase, they would get a 15% discount on the software. Verbal was given for the Treasurer and Auditor to go forward with the process of trying to be one of the first 5.

Danny Hudleson, Hudleston Machine Shop, presented the CF-1 for continuation of the abatement on both personal property and real property. Motion to approve the abatement continuation was made by Alan Waynick, seconded by Robin Stackhouse, and carried 7-0.

Roger Robinson, Robinson Auction Services, presented the CF-1 for the continuation of the abatement on real property. Motion to approve the abatement continuation of the abatement was made by Bob McDonald, seconded by Jack Hinkle, and carried 7-0.

Matt Deaton, REMC, presented the CF-1 for the continuation of the abatement on personal property of phase 1. It was reported that Phase 1 was 65% complete. Motion to approve the abatement continuation of the abatement was made by Alan Waynick, seconded by Bob McDonald, and carried 7-0. Matt continued with resenting the Council with the SB-1 for the remaining phases, requesting a 20-year abatement as it was granted for phase 1. Motion to approve the SB-1 form and allow the abatement for 20 years was made by Robin Stackhouse, seconded by Chad Hager, and carried 7-0.

Tommy Adams, Layne Inliner LLC, presented the CF-1 for the continuation of the abatement on real property. Motion to approve the abatement continuation of the abatement was made by Alan Waynick, seconded by Chad Hager, and carried 7-0.

Barry Wilson, 4-H Inc., presented the council with a request for \$47,189 to remove old metal, insulate, and repair the commercial buildings at the 4-H grounds. Motion to approve the request for the casino request and the published appropriation was made by Jack Hinkle, seconded by Bob McDonald, and carried 7-0.

Angie Chastain, Community Center Secretary, presented a casino request for \$42,034 to replace tables, chairs, and carpet in the Community Center. Motion to approve the request and the publish appropriation was made by Chad Hager, seconded by Jack Hinkle, and carried 7-0.

Linda Reynolds, Orange County Assessor, presented information on the requested appropriation the was made for Professional Services. The Appropriation will be considered with the other published appropriations.

Auditor Stroud presented a council and commissioners request to have the County Attorney look into drafting the ordinance that allows the county to collect a 1% food and beverage tax on prepared food. The Legislation has been on the books allowing the county to collect but no ordinance has been passed. Verbal for Stroud to direct the County Attorney to prepare the ordinance was granted. Stroud presented a request from Melton Library to reappoint Jan Tellstrom to the Melton Public Library Board. Motion to reappoint for the 4-year term was made by Robin Stackhouse, seconded by Jack Hinkle, and carried 7-0. Stroud informed the council that the County received a settlement for the Airport Road of \$25,000. Stroud reported that fund was in the red (\$28,538) and he was going to deposit that check into that fund but would need to have an additional appropriation from casino to make up the difference. Motion to approve the deposit of the check into the Airport Road fund was made by Bob McDonald, seconded by Robin Stackhouse, and carried 7-0. Stroud concluded with presenting the Council with a letter of opposition to the Senate bill 552, that would among other things eliminate the Community Support fee that the county and schools receive each year. Motion to approve signing the letter was made by Robin Stackhouse, seconded by Cad Hager, and carried 7-0.

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 Robin Stackhouse, and carried 5-0.

Matt Henderson, President

Attest: _____
Lonnie Stroud, Orange County Auditor