

RECORD OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL OF ORANGE COUNTY, INDIANA
MAY 16th, 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 John Noblitt opened with prayer.

The public hearing on the food and beverage tax was opened to the public. Rachael Minton and Mike Minton, Shake Burger, spoke in opposition of the tax. Also, to speak in opposition was Gretchen Anderson, Chamber of Commerce. After the public was supplied with available printed information and given an opportunity to be heard the motion to close the public hearing was made by Bob McDonald, seconded by Chad Hager, and carried 7-0.

No action was taken on the food and beverage tax at this time. The Council will investigate further on hardship to businesses and revenue that may be generated.

Minutes from the April 18th meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept minute with correction was made by Alan Waynick, seconded by Jack Hinkle, and carried 7-0.

Sheriff gave April stats. Sheriff also reported on several pieces of equipment that has failed in the jail kitchen. Sheriff requested permission from the Council to use commissary funds to pay for replacement equipment. Motion to approve the use of the commissary funds to purchase the equipment was made by Chad Hager, seconded by Jack Hinkle, and carried 7-0.

Carl Anderson, County Highway Superintendent, reported on bridge repair and work being done in district 1, 2, and 3 in preparation for the Community Crossing grant work. Carl reported that the bids for paving would be opened in the May 21st Commissioners meeting. In conclusion, Carl explained the additional appropriation request for the building repairs. Motion to approve the appropriation contingent Commissioners approval of the bid for \$34,500 was later made by Chad Hager, seconded by Bob McDonald and carried 7-0.

John Noblitt reported that the county dump sites were sited by IDEM for run off that was later corrected. Along with this and the county wide cleanup the Council may be aske to approve an additional appropriation to the Solid Waste District operation fund. John Noblitt also reported on the history of the food and beverage tax.

Auditor Stroud presented a request to pay Highway Operator Scott Piper full pay based on his past experience. Motion to approve the full pay was made by Chad Hager, seconded by Bob McDonald, and carried 7-0. Auditor Stroud reported that the State Board of Accounts did their exit interview with the county and found that the negative balance in the Airport Road fund to be the only issue to be resolved. Stroud reported that the Budget Hearing date was set for September 19th at 5:00pm and the Budget Adoption meeting was set for October 17th 5:00pm.

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