

RECORD OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL OF ORANGE COUNTY, INDIANA
AUGUST 15th, 2019 AT 5:00PM

OFFICIALS PRESENT were Council members Matt Henderson, John Robert (Bob) McDonald, Greg Farlow, Alan Waynick, Robin Stackhouse, and Jack Hinkle (Chad Hager arrived later in the meeting). Also present, Sheriff Josh Babcock, County Attorney Lyn Fullen Tucker (representing Melton Public Library) and Auditor Lonnie Stroud.

Public hearing for the Melton Public Library resolutions approving lease and approving additional appropriation of bond proceeds and interest earnings was opened at 5:00pm. Matt Henderson opened the floor to any public comment and questions. After short pause and no comment or questions were presented Robin Stackhouse made a motion to close public hearing, seconded by Bob McDonald, and carried 6-0. Motion to approve Resolution 2019-7 to approve additional appropriations of bond proceeds and interest was made by Robin Stackhouse, seconded by Jack Hinkle, and carried 6-0. Motion to approve Resolution 2019-8 approving lease was made by Bob McDonald, seconded by Robin Stackhouse, and carried 6-0.

President Matt Henderson started the regular council meeting, and Bob McDonald opened with prayer.

Carl Anderson, Orange County Highway Superintendent, reported on the road work in districts 1, 2, and 3. Carl requested verbal permission to request additional money to repair bridge #74. Verbal approval given and Stroud will publish for consideration at the September meeting. Carl continued with reporting on the request that was published for this meeting from Local Road and Street for the amount of \$50,000. This amount was earmarked for district 2 catch-up road work.

Minutes from July 18th meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes with minor typo corrections was made by Robin Stackhouse, seconded by Jack Hinkle, and carried 6-0

Sheriff gave stats for the month of July. Josh presented a request to use Commissary Fund to replace floors in the 911 dispatch and improve ventilation in Booking. Josh will present the request to the Commissioners for the building improvements as well as get two additional bids for the flooring due to it being over the \$5,000 on the first estimate. Motion to allow Sheriff Babcock to use the Commissary funds for this purpose after approval by Commissioners was made by Jack Hinkle, seconded by Bob McDonald, and carried 7-0 (Chad Hager arrived late).

Auditor Lonnie Stroud presented the information on the sale of the County Park for the Council to review and approve. There was one bid for the minimum amount of \$203,850. Motion to acknowledge and accept that the bid met the minimum allowed amount was made by Robin Stackhouse, seconded by Chad Hager, and carried 7-0. Stroud explained the request for additional appropriation to pay out an employee that moved departments and was owed comp time. Stroud said that he was aware of another employee that was also owed money for comp time when transferred from one department to the other. Stroud will present this information to the Commissioners for their approval well. The employee policy was clear that the employees were owed the time or compensation for the time. Stroud reported that the approved levy quotient growth was allowed at 3.5 percent and he requested that the Council start considering what they wanted to do in regards to cost of living increase for the budget. Matt Henderson commented that the Sheriff did present information that the officers were low in pay based on the surrounding towns and information supplied through the Association of Indiana Counties for counties of similar populations. This should be considered as a separate consideration.

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