

RECORD OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL OF ORANGE COUNTY, INDIANA
OCTOBER 24th, 2019 AT 5:00PM

OFFICIALS PRESENT were Council members Matt Henderson, John Robert (Bob) McDonald, Greg Farlow, Chad Hager, Robin Stackhouse, and Jack Hinkle not present was Alan Waynick. Also present, Sheriff Josh Babcock and Auditor Lonnie Stroud.

President Matt Henderson called to order the regular Council meeting, and Bob McDonald opened with prayer.

In the regular Council meeting Matt Henderson ask if the Council had an opportunity to review the budget and the Form 4, Ordinance 2019-3, for the Orange County Government budget. After short pause, motion to approve Orange County budget and sign Form 4 was made by Greg Farlow, seconded by Bob McDonald, and carried 6-0. Matt Henderson then ask if the Council had an opportunity to review the Form 4's for the biding units. After a short pause, motion, second, and vote were as follows: Motion to approve the Orange County Solid Waste Form 4 Ordinance was made by Jack Hinkle, seconded by Bob McDonald, and carried 6-0. Motion to approve the Orange County Rural Fire Form 4 Ordinance was made by Robin Stackhouse, seconded by Bob McDonald, and carried 6-0. Motion to approve the Melton Public Library Form 4 Ordinance was made by Greg Farlow, seconded by Jack Hinkle, and carried 6-0. Motion to approve the Spring Valley Conservancy Form 4 Ordinance was made by Robin Stackhouse, seconded by Jack Hinkle, and carried 6-0.

Minutes from September 19th meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Greg Farlow, seconded by Jack Hinkle, and carried 6-0

Sheriff gave stats for the month of September. Sheriff reported on work being done in the Sheriff Department and Jail areas. The Sally Port doors needed replaced, the flooring in some of the offices are being completed as approved, and Sheriff is seeking quotes to repair or replace some out dated toilets, the last time the cost was \$3,700 per unit. The issue is leaks and inmates putting things down the toilets and flooding the jail block. There are devices that are being considered that can be installed to prevent this item getting to the main drain and flooding the area. Sheriff also reported that he has received a two week notice of a full time Sheriff Deputy that will need to be filled.

Carl Anderson, Orange County Highway Superintendent, gave the report on the Highway Department. They are finishing the chip and seal that has been ongoing. Carl reported on the future repair work to Bridge #74 on Hobson Bridge Road, 175 West. The Bridge will be closed for 1 month approximately. This bridge will have a grate floor when complete.

Mark Jones, Tourism Commission, thanked the County Auditor and Treasurer for the work of collection and providing reports for the commission to do their job. Auditor Stroud reported that the Treasurer was looking into the County possibility having Indiana Department of Revenue do the collection of the tax for the County but found it not beneficial due to the loss of interest collected. Discussion on plans of finding stronger penalties for non-compliant entities is being address by legislation.

Abby Heidenreich, Purdue Extension Director, thanked the Council for the support that they have shown the Extension Service.

Auditor Lonnie Stroud presented the Council with the Casino request from Circuit Court for an additional \$125,000 for Pauper Counsel reimbursement. After short discussion on other options, motion to approve the request was made by Bob McDonald, seconded by Chad Hager, and carried 6-0. Stroud presented the Council with the salary Ordinance for the 2nd part time Deputy Coroner that was approved in the last meeting for signing. Stroud presented the question to the Council on increasing the part time wage to the same amount that was approved for salary employees. It was the consensus that the same 3% increase be given part time positions. This increase will be presented with the salary Ordinance in the December meeting. Stroud concluded by reporting that the County was a recipient of an award for a class action lawsuit against the Federal Government for catchup of Payment in Lieu of Taxes on federal land located in Orange County. The amount awarded to Orange County that will be divided between all the units that have federal land in them will be \$1,849.

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

Carl Anderson reported that there is ongoing work and review of a plan to pave the parking lot at the Community Center. The existing plans will need to be updated and corrected before work can begin. There will be some cost with these updates but they do not need to start from the beginning.

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

Matt Henderson, President

Attest: _____
Lonnie Stroud, Orange County Auditor