

RECORD OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE  
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA  
ON THE 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2019 at 9:00 am

Officials present: Commissioners Steve Hopper, Richard Dixon, and Marshall Noble. Also present, Chief Deputy Sheriff Denis Lanham, Attorney JC Tucker, and Auditor Lonnie Stroud.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Denis Lanham called the meeting to order. The pledge to the Flag was given and Auditor Stroud opened with prayer.

The minutes from the March 26th meeting were reviewed. Marshall Noble made the motion to accept the minutes without changes, Steve Hopper seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Denis Lanham had nothing to report.

Jesse Wininger, Orange County Road District 1 Foreman, gave highway work report for districts 1,2, and 3.

Rick Emerick, EMA, reported on sawmill burning issues with 4 additional sites contacted. Rick Emerick reported on the Federal grant for the 75 weather radios that the county received, there are 3 remaining. Rick presented information on a Notice of Funding Opportunity from Homeland Security. The grant would help pay for upgrades to the 911 Computer Aided Dispatch System. Marshall Noble questioned cost. Rick reported that the total cost for the system would be an estimated \$250,000 (the grant may cover all) and an estimated \$22,000 annually that the county would be responsible for. If the grant is not enough it can be declined and the 911 is reported to be able to handle the increase in cost. Motion to approve Rick to move forward with the application was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Tammie Johnson, Orange County Health Department, reported that one of their desktop computers is in need of replacement. Motion to approve \$974.58 from Cumulative Capital Development was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Tammie presented the request to continue with the Indiana Preparedness Grant. Motion to allow the Health Department to apply for the Indiana Preparedness Grant was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Jim Salkeld, Orange County Resident, reported that water runs across the road and onto his property. Jim requested that the 600ft of ditch be cleaned out to allow more water to be caught. Richard reported that he has looked at the property and any ditch work would result in other property owners being affected. The site will be looked at again to see if there can be any solution that will not affect other property owners.

Angie Chastain, Purdue Extension Office, requested permission to use part of the Community Center yard for 4-H activities at fair. Verbal approval given. Angie reported that the position is still open for the Extension Educator. Angie requested permission for Trudy Dilman, Hoosier Uplands, to use the Community Center for a community fund raiser at no charge. Motion to approve the request was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Angie reported that the Indiana Fire Marshal requires an entertainment permit for the Community Center because it is used for public events. The permit may cost as much as \$150 but because of the non profit status it may be free. The Indiana Fire Marshal is also going to inspect the Community Center. Angie requested Steve Wells to be present for that inspection. Angie concluded by reporting that there is consideration of increasing the rent for the Community Center. Marshall Noble requested that a proposal for increase from the Community Center Board be submitted to the Commissioners for approval.

JC Tucker, County Attorney, presented the two matching grant agreements for the Community Crossing Grant. Motion to approve the total grant agreement for \$975,603.75 and the county match of \$325,201.25. Motion to approve the two grant agreements for the Community Crossing matching grant was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Auditor Stroud reported that the State Board of Accounts were doing the 2018 County Government audit. There will be an entrance conference with one Commissioner and Council person on April 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss the scope of the audit.

Richard Dixon reported on the Senate Bill 522 that will among other things eliminate the Community Support fee. There is planned amendment that will be introduced to keep the county and others that collect the \$2.5million total whole. There is a planned group going to Indianapolis State House to discuss the impact that this will have on the communities that benefit from it early next week. There was discussion on the French Lick wagering money and how it has been reduced over the years. Marshall Noble requested any one that can to notify their legislator to do so in opposition to the bill. Richard concluded by reporting he has a quote on the landscaping at the Courthouse. There will be two additional quotes solicited before decision is made.

With no further business to discuss, the motion to sign claims and adjourn was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Orange County Commissioners

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Marshall Noble

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Steve Hopper

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lonnie Stroud, Auditor – Orange County

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Richard Dixon