

RECORD OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA
ON THE 12th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2019 at 9:00 am

Officials present: Commissioners Steve Hopper, Marshall Noble, and Richard Dixon. Also present, Sheriff Josh Babcock, Attorney JC Tucker, and Auditor Lonnie Stroud.

Sheriff Babcock called the meeting to order. The pledge to the Flag was given and John Noblitt opened with prayer.

The minutes from January 15th were reviewed. Steve Hopper made the motion to accept the minutes without changes, Marshall Noble seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Babcock gave the January stats and reported that population was at 82. County resident Mark Straley reported to the Sheriff excessive dumping at the intersection 175 N and County Farm Road. Sheriff Babcock reported that he will put out a press notice of local and state litter laws and send patrol to watch the area.

Judge Steve Owen requested permission to make the part time CASA director full time and presented a volunteer program policy manual. The money to support this will not increase the amount of matching money the county contributes. Motion to approve the position, allow the CASA program policy manual adoption for volunteers, and send to Council was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Judge continued with reporting on the positive trends in case disposal, court filings, and CHINS cases.

Cathy Carnes, Probation Chief, requested \$1,500 from Casino for a short bus to us in transfers. Motion to approve the request and send to Council for consideration was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and Carried 3-0.

Dan McDonald, Kinetik Networks, presented the annual contract for consideration. Motion to approve the annual contract was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Richard Dixon introduced the new Highway Superintendent Carl Anderson, District Foreman Derick Wilson (3), Jesse Winiger (1), and Kevin Rutherford (2).

Carl Anderson gave report on the Highway Department. Carl requested to fill two budgeted vacant positions. Motion to approve and send to Council was made by Steve Hopper, Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Carl finished with the report of taking delivery of the 3 new graders.

Rick Emerick, EMA, introduced Nick Carr from IDEM. Nick gave report on open burning rules for residential, agricultural, and commercial. Sandy Neal, Orange County Resident, questioned about Amish burning piles of wood from milling operations. It was reported that if the operation was a business it would fall under the commercial. IDEM would need documentation from the local authorities to take action. The Sheriff and the Sanitarian will document reported occurrences. Discussion on sawmills being permitted and the damage to the roads. Discussion on the log trucks tearing up the roads as well. There are currently no ordinances or permitting for saw mill operations in Orange County. JC to investigate ordinances and Sheriff to address trucks parking in roadway with warnings and tickets to the truck drivers.

Sandy Hill, Recorder, reported a leak in her office that has been on and off for a couple years. Sandy also suggested that there are several ceiling tiles that have stains that need replaced. Steve Hopper will contact a contractor to take a look.

Beth Jones, Clerk, requested permission to dispose of 3 black chairs, 1 green chair, 3 computer towers, and 2 monitors. Motion to declare items of no value was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Rebecca Kemple, OC Frist Chance Transit, presented quarterly transit report and the agreement to purchase 2 new vehicles. Valery Moon, OC First Chance, presented the 4th quarter claim for review. Motion to approve the no cost to the county purchase agreement and the 4th quarter claim was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble and carried 3-0.

Brad Isaacs, JSE Inc., described ordinance that was in place in Jackson County that addresses the heavy trucks tearing up roads. Offered assistance in getting those implemented in Orange County.

JC Tucker presented the interlocal agreement with the Solid Waste Board for services. The contract added the position of Director along with the 3 District Forman and the attendants. The total agreement is for \$147,096. Motion to approve the interlocal agreement was made by Marshal Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. JC Tucker presented the contract with Derick Towle, USI, for small structure bridge inspection. This would be to inspect bridges and culverts under 20 feet. Motion to approve the contract not to exceed \$102,000 was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. JC Tucker concluded with presenting the financial documents for the purchase of the 3 new highway graders. Motion to approve and sign the documents was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Auditor Stroud presented the request from the County Prosecutor for the IV-D Coordinator to receive the additional 15 days maternity leave that is allowed in the employee hand book. Motion to approve the leave was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Stroud presented the contract with Johnson Control for the chiller leak repair (\$3,257.49). Motion to approve the contract was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Stroud ask if there would be an appointment for the ATC Board. The appointment was still being considered and was tabled. Stroud presented the Commissioners with a request from the church next door to use the county dumpster on special occasions to prevent from having one placed in the shared parking lot. After comment by the Sheriff the motion to allow the usage was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Stroud presented the casino request from the Highway Department for \$333,333.00 for the match of the Community Crossing grant (total 1,333,333 to go on roads). Motion to approve the request and forward to Council was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Stroud asked for clarification on the allowance of travel day per diem. Motion to allow \$15 for the day before an early morning meeting when an overnight stay was necessary was made by Richard Dixon, seconded by Marshall Noble and carried 3-0. Stroud concluded with reporting that the employee salaries and compensation have been reported both by publishing and posting to Gateway.

Steve Hopper made the motion to appoint Steve King to the Paoli Planning Commission, the motion was seconded by Richard Dixon, and carried 3-0.

Richard Dixon reported on the county ambulance service negotiation with IU Health. The county and towns were able to put together a plan that looked favorable to the hospital based on per capita of each the towns and county. This would be reviewed by IU Hospital legal. The county and towns negotiated for 2 full time 911 ambulance at all time and would not be responsible for transfers. Only in extreme cases would the county have less than the two ambulances ready for 911.

John Noblitt gave report on current legislation for the county to watch.

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

Marshall Noble

Steve Hopper

Attest: _____
Lonnie Stroud, Auditor – Orange County

Richard Dixon