

RECORD OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA
ON THE 10th OF SEPTEMBER 2019 at 9:00 am

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

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

The minutes from the August 27th meeting were reviewed. Steve Hopper made the motion to accept the minutes as written, Richard Dixon seconded, and the motion carried 2-0.

Sheriff Babcock gave month of August sheriff report. Reported that population was at 82 but the level of female inmates was to a level that he was going to need to request assistance from another county. In the past the Sheriff was able to trade female inmates for male inmates.

Carl Anderson, Orange County Highway Superintendent, gave a report on district 1, 2, and 3 road work Steve Hopper requested information on the Community Crossing Grant completion. Carl reported on the Community Crossing completion work and that chip and seal work will begin this week.

Rick Emerick, Orange County EMA, reported that his office was involved in day to day operations and that an exercise was being planned with the hospital.

Aaron Kemple, Orange County Coroner, requested a second deputy position be added. Richard asked if there would be any back pay requested for this position since the person being considered had been volunteering to this point. Aaron reported that he did not have intentions to ask for back pay and this would be only going forward from now. Motion to approve the second position and forward to Council for the funding consideration and salary ordinance amendment was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Richard Dixon, and carried 2-0.

Garland Eubank, 911, reported that she and Debbie Woolston, Orange County Surveyors Office, was traveling the county verifying the residential addresses and road signs. There is a county ordinance that requires a new residence be given a 911 address issued by the County Surveyor. Garland requested the public and Commissioners assistance in making sure the guidelines for addressing are followed so when a 911 call is made that the unit can find the location quickly.

Angie Chastain, Purdue Extension Office, introduced Karina Moore as the new Purdue Extension Educator. Auditor Stroud and Richard Dixon thanked Angie for the extra work she preformed to get the Community Center repairs and updates complete. The carpet, paint, new tables, and chairs were a much-needed update. The HVAC is under consideration to be replaced as well.

County Attorney JC Tucker presented the data sharing agreement presented by WTH mapping and Dubois Water. There was lengthy discussion on the data sharing between WTH and GIS 39 Degrees. Linda Reynolds, County Assessor, requested that the data sharing agreement be looked at with WTH so the information that is paid for by the county can be compensated when it is sold or shared. After discussion the proposed data sharing agreement was tabled to consider verbiage that allows the county to be able to share the information that is received from Dubois Water to our other GIS service at no charge to the county. JC presented the Commissioners with a check for \$203,850 and the deed to be signed for the purchase of the County Park. Motion to sign the deed was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Richard Dixon, and carried 2-0. Auditor Stroud reported that the money from the sale will be deposited into the General Fund line for the sale of county property. JC requested information from Highway Superintendent Carl Anderson on the agreement for drug testing agreement with ITI Drug Testing. Carl will get that information for the contract to JC for the meeting on the 24th to be considered.

Auditor Stroud presented the Commissioners with the appointment of Marshall Noble to the Patoka Water Board from the vacancy that was made by outgoing Commissioner Don Brewer. Motion to clarify appointment of Marshall Noble to the Patoka Water Board was made by Steve Hoper, seconded by Richard Dixon, and carried 2-0. Auditor Stroud requested the appointment to the Alcohol Tabaco Commission Board. Richard Dixon reported that John Hopper of Paoli accepted the appointment. Motion to appoint John Hopper to the ATC Board was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Richard Dixon, and carried 2-0. Stroud presented the bids for the HVAC replacement at the Community Center Johnson Control corrected the tonnage error and increased their bid by \$1,000 to \$79,897. The other bid received was from Mehringer for \$115,076. Motion to accept the bid from Johnson Control for \$79,897 to replace the units at the Community Center with the corrected tonnage, contingent Council approval of the funding, was made by Richard Dixon, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 2-0.

Steve Hopper, reported getting reports from the community of the great job the Highway Department is doing on the roads. Carl Anderson agreed that the crews are working hard and professionally. Richard and Steve both thanked Carl for his work to make that possible and his appointment being a huge asset to the county.

Richard Dixon reported that he has been made aware of some issues at the Courthouse. It is time to make some repairs and updates to be able to maintain that building. There will need to be some cleaning and cosmetic repairs in the near future. Richard concluded by congratulating Auditor Stroud and Assessor Linda Reynolds for an acknowledgment from the Commissioner of the DLGF for the on time Certified Net Assessed Values that were reported on time. This will help with the Department of Local Government Financing being able to move forward with on time tax billing.

With no further business to discuss, the motion to sign claims and adjourn was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Richard Dixon, and carried 2-0.

Orange County Commissioners

Marshall Noble

Steve Hopper

Attest: _____
Lonnie Stroud, Auditor – Orange County

Richard Dixon