

RECORD OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE  
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA  
ON THE 14th DAY OF JANUARY 2020 at 9:00 am

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

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

The minutes from January 2nd were reviewed. Steve Hopper made the motion to accept the minutes without changes, Richard Dixon seconded, and the motion carried 2-0.

Sheriff Babcock gave December report. The jail is currently at 96. Sheriff presented the Commissioners with a request to sign over a wrecked and totaled Commissioner owned sheriff vehicle to the insurance company. Motion to sign over the totaled vehicle to Copart Insurance was made by Richard Dixon, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 2-0. Sheriff also reported that he has a vehicle that he needs to get rid of and that Crawford County Sheriff's Department is interested in buying it. Motion to approve Sheriff to negotiate price and present the agreement to the Commissioners for approval was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Richard Dixon, and carried 2-0.

Carl Anderson, Superintendent Orange County Highway Department, reported that all three districts are working on road prep for paving. District 1 is working on Lower Sand Hill, District 2 is working on Bacon Road, and District 3 is working on Miller School Road. The brush mowers are working on the northern part of the county in District 3. They have started the 2020 application process for the Community Crossing Grant. Carl also reported on the Community Center parking lot and the updated plans will cost the county \$47,000 with the total engineering fee of \$74,400 to follow the project to completion. Richard requested that Carl inform Midwest Engineers that we feel that is high. Carl will seek other engineering options to present at the next meeting.

Rick Emerick, EMA, reported that the Dogwood Pedal bike ride will be on May 30<sup>th</sup>. 99percent of the ride will be in Orange County, there will be coordination with the rural fire departments, first responders, town and county police to protect these riders. More information will be provided in the future. Sheriff Babcock, representing the EMA Advisory Board as president recommends that Rick Emerick be reappointed as the County EMA. Motion to reappoint Rick Emerick EMA was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Richard Dixon, and carried 2-0.

Beth Jones, County Clerk, presented the annual voter machine maintenance contract. Lyn reviewed the contract and stated that it was like previous contracts with no changes. Motion to approve the annual contract was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Richard Dixon, and carried 2-0. Richard reported to Beth that the county is trying to find space for the voting machine printers but have not had any success to this point.

County Attorney Lyn Tucker Fullen presented the Commissioners with the interlocal agreement with Solid Waste, the total was adjusted for the controller and director positions. Motion to approve the interlocal agreement for \$159,804.00 payable \$13,317 per month by the Solid Waste Board and the county will provide for the personnel needs. The motion to approve agreement was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Richard Dixon, and carried 2-0. Lyn Fullen presented the Commissioners with the agreement with IU Health to allow the ground owned by the County near the hospital to be used for the building of the after-hours clinic. Motion to approve the agreement that kept the reimbursement to the county for the property the same was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Richard Dixon, and carried 2-0. Lyn presented the contract with OCEDP that was approved, to be signed. Lyn reported that the meeting for Solid Waste special meeting will be February 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30. Auditor Stroud was named controller and she would be working with him on the agenda and notices to the press.

Auditor Stroud presented the Commissioners with a correction of an appointment. In last meeting Commissioners replaced Donovan Crews with Mark Jones. The person that was intended to be replaced was Gerald Crews. Motion to appoint Donovan Crews to the FL Planning Commission replacing Gerald Crews was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Richard Dixon, and carried 2-0. Stroud presented the Commissioners with the request from Orleans Public Library to reappoint Kathy Hardin to their board. Motion to approve the appointment request was made by Richard Dixon, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 2-0. Stroud concluded with reporting that the County received the County Budget Order with the tax rates for the county units but are waiting for the data file from the state to upload into the system to be able to calculate taxes. Stroud has reported the annual salaries of the employees of the county to the state and will get those to the local papers for publishing before January 31<sup>st</sup>. Stroud reported that a line had to be added to the county phone plan to correct a missing line for the elevator in the Courthouse. Stroud concluded with reporting that he is currently working on completing the annual financial reports to Indiana Gateway.

Steve Hopper reported that he has been working on finding space for the County Clerk to store the printer equipment. There are still options that are not exhausted but nothing found at this time. Steve commended the Highway on repairs on flood damaged roads.

Richard Dixon commended the highway on the flooding event work. Richard requested from Angie Chastain if there have been any dates set for the HVAC to be replaced at the Community Center. Angie reported that no dates have been provided at this time. Angie Chastain reported that she has tried to get a date to pass on to our tenants but has not been able to make contact yet. Richard questioned if the rate increase has affected rental. Angie reported that rental has not noticeable reduced.

The Orange County Board of Finance will meet immediately following the Commissioners meeting.

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

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Richard Dixon

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Steve Hopper

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

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Marshall Noble