

RECORD OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE  
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA  
ON THE 26<sup>th</sup> 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 Auditor Stroud opened with prayer.

The minutes from the February 12th were reviewed. Marshall Noble made the motion to accept the minutes without changes, Steve Hopper seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Babcock gave reported that population was at 91.

Carl Anderson, Orange County Road Superintendent, gave highway report. Carl reported that road prep has begun for the new paving that will be done later in the summer.

Rick Emerick, EMA, requested permission to pursue mitigation grant money for areas that are prone to flooding in regards to Airport Road. If money is awarded, it must remain a green space. Motion to allow Rick to continue to pursue and investigate Federal grant money for mitigating areas that are prone to flooding was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Billie Deel, Orange County Treasurer, presented a request to replace 5 desktop computers that have operating systems that are not supported any longer. Motion to allow the purchase to be made from the equipment purchase line of the Cumulative Capital Development fund was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Billie continued with reporting that the county, on Elevate 39 degrees, map will be highlighted for people to be able to see where they are. The sale is scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

Abby Heidenreich, Purdue Extension Services, gave extension report. Fair prep is underway, there is a plan to have a small carnival planned with the fair this year. They are reaching out for support for this new activity. Abby concluded with reporting on possible training opportunities in the future.

Rebecca Kemple, Orange County Transit, presented the Commissioners the audit report from INDOT for their review.

Brad Isaacs, Janssen and Spaans Engineering Inc., presented a statement of qualifications. JSE can provide a range of engineering service for inspection and construction projects.

Larry Bailey, IU Health Paoli, presented an agreement for the ambulance service for Orange County that will station two full time 911 ambulances in the county and a third for 12 additional hours that would be doing the transfers. Richard Dixon added that the agreement would not have been possible if all four of the towns would not have been willing to help and thank them for their support. Richard continued with praising IU Health for suppling such a high level of service and was very thankful that the jobs will be preserved in and for our residents. Marshall Noble commented on the level of work that was invested in the coordination of this agreement and the ground work that was contributed by Rick Emerick, EMA. Motion to sign the 3-year contract, that is based on \$6 per capita for the towns and the county for the first year then \$10 per year for the next two, that JC Tucker had reviewed for the Commissioners, with IU Health to provide the ambulance service for Orange County, was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Payments will be made bi-annual April 1 and October 1.

JC Tucker, County Attorney, presented an amendment to the purchase agreement for the new graders purchase. The late payment in the contract needed to be changed from 5% with limit to 4% with no limit for late payments. Motion to approve the amendment was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. JC reported on the local environmental ordinance that does allow for the county to fine for illegal burning. The Orange County Sanitarian would collect the information and the county attorney would act/enforce at the will of the Commissioners. The fine for illegal burning in the local ordinance was reported to be \$250. JC presented the Commissioners with a property donation from the French Lick Casino for 4 acres that was needed for the fix to the Airport Road. Motion to accept the donation and sign the purchase agreement for unimproved property was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. JC concluded with reporting on the Airport Road lawsuit and settlement. It was reported that the county will receive \$25,000 and Burgess and Niple will complete the project contract and dismiss \$500,000 in services. After discussion on the cost of continuing the lawsuit even though we still believe we were correct, the motion to accept the best last agreement and allow Richard Dixon to sign was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Auditor Stroud reported that the SBOA audit was complete and that the Commissioners and the Council representatives were presented with the findings. The report will be made public once the final draft is complete. Stroud requested that the Commissioners approve the hire freeze for the budgeted full-time positions. The Council approved it to be removed in their last meeting. Motion to remove hiring freeze for full time budgeted positions was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Stroud presented the contract with Johnson Control to provide the service on the HVAC for the county complex. The contract will be the same price as current for the first year with a 2% increases the following years. Motion to approve the contract and sign was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Steve Hopper reported that he would like to set a last date of rental for the County Park facilities. It was decided that nothing could be complete before August 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion to obtain bids for the timber on the property was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by, Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Marshall Noble presented the idea of the county to continue to look at options for the complex. Tara Damin, Clark Dietz, presented that there are likely grant opportunities that the county could investigate. Tara will look into those options for the county.

Richard Dixon concluded with thanking IU Health again for the negotiation on the ambulance service.

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