

RECORD OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE  
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA  
ON THE 11th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020 at 9:00 am

Officials present: Commissioners Richard Dixon, Marshall Noble, and Steve Hopper. 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 Lonnie Stroud opened with prayer.

The minutes from January 14th were reviewed. Steve Hopper made the motion to accept the minutes without changes, Marshall Noble seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Babcock reported that the jail population has been on the rise and has seen numbers over 100 but they are currently at 95. There is a jury trial that is going on that has added some extra work load as well.

Carl Anderson, Superintendent Orange County Highway Department, reported that the 2020 Community Crossing Grant is successfully submitted. The possible awards may be a little earlier than in the past. Carl reported that all three districts are doing prep work for summer paving. Carl reported that he had County Attorney JC Tucker look at agreements with Indian Testing Inc. to do the DOT drug testing and Clark Dietz, Inc. for and on call agreement and the design of the Community Center parking lot. Carl reported that he contacted Clark Dietz on the Community Center parking lot engineering per the request of the Commissioners and the proposed fee would be less even with Clark Dietz starting from scratch on the plan. The proposed total of the plan and follow through would be \$68,135. This is would be \$6,265 less and the county would get a new plan rather than an updated one. Motion to approve the agreement for professional services on the parking lot at the Community Center was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. There is funding for the Community Center parking lot appropriated in the 2020 budget Casino fund. JC reported that the agreement for the on-call services was similar to past agreement with changes to the compensation (from \$75 and hour to \$85 for grant writing and slight increase for miscellaneous general billing rates). Motion to approve the Professional Service Agreement with Clark Dietz, Inc. was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. The contract with ITI was reviewed by Mr. Tucker and found to be acceptable. Motion to approve ITI agreement to do the DOT drug testing was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Rick Emerick, EMA, reported that there will be anew contact from Homeland Security by the name of Steven Cox. The Commissioners could expect correspondence from him. Rick reported that he is also working with the schools and police departments on the Safe Prom project. In conclusion Rick requested that the Commissioners consider purchasing a new EMA vehicle. The current vehicle was a hand down from the Sheriff Department and has over 100k miles on it and will be in need of major repairs soon. The first quote Rick received was for \$40,256. Sheriff Babcock reported that he did not have plans for the money that was received in the insurance claim and the sale of the vehicle that is being sold. Stroud reported that the money for those reimbursements must go to the fund they were purchased from and the money could be appropriated from those funds as additional appropriations. Motion for Rick to move forward with quotes and for Stroud to make appropriation publications from the funds that the reimbursements go to and Casino for the remainder not to exceed \$45,000 was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Orange County Treasurer Billie Deel and Recorder Sandy Hill presented bids for new flooring, cabinets, and counter tops for the two offices. Motion to accept the bid from Home Town Carpet and BWT Custom Woodworking as the low bidders. Total cost for Treasurers office was \$10,393.40 with the motion to approve made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. The Recorder office total was \$5,567.39 with Steve Hopper making the motion to approve, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Beth Jones, County Clerk, presented a request to increase to Absentee Voter Workers and Clerical Assistants from \$60.00 a day to \$70.00 a day. Motion to approve the increase was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Beth reported that the V Pap devices will be delivered Thursday or Friday and must be stored in a secure space. Beth said the storage area know as the Bowling alley is full of stuff that may need to be discarded as well making it difficult to store records she is required to store.

Catherine Strother, Orange County Transit, presented the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter activity report. Valery Moon, Orange County Transit presented the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter claim for review and approval. Motion to approve the 2019 4<sup>th</sup> quarter claim was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Dinah Reynolds, Terry Kimble Estate, presented a concern about an upcoming auction that will be taking place at 4505 E Co Rd 800 N. With the area being wet they were concerned with parking along the county road. Sheriff Babcock suggested that the auction service that was handling the event provide the personal to direct traffic. Carl Anderson said that the Highway could place signs to restrict traffic if enough notice was given for it to be placed. Richard Dixon commented that the County could work on any necessary closure or traffic direction but could not provide man power. Carl to work with the auction service on traffic request.

Ashley Edwards presented a request for the County to be a sanctuary county. Richard Dixon commented that the county has been advised not to make such a declaration by the Indiana Association of Counties. JC Tucker commented that the State of Indiana is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment friendly state. The declaration could only lead to someone that does not have the right (such as a felon) to believe that they could have sanctuary in such a county. Orange County is pro 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment.

Garland Eubank, 911, presented a contract for support and labor from Frontier Communications for the 911 service they provide the County. The agreement is for \$7,164.91 and will be an annual fee. Motion to approve the contract was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Carl Anderson commended Garland on the road identification that has been going on behind the scenes. There has been a lot of work done to identify the errors in road numbering.

JC Tucker presented the Interlocal agreement with Solid Waste for the use of a vehicle purchased for both Highway and Solid Waste purposes. Motion to approve the interlocal agreement was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. JC reported that in the agreement with IU Health and the County will give possession of the property and whatever is built on it if IU Hospital was to sell out. The question has been raised if the portion that the construction is on in the once grassed area was part of the agreement. JC to work with Linda Reynolds and the County Surveyor Matt Cooper to establish the lots that were part of the agreement and if there needs to be lots added. The issue was tabled for more information.

Auditor Stroud presented the Commissioners with a proposal to modernize the elevator in the County Complex. The cost was \$68,588. Motion to approve the proposal contingent Council approval of the funds was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, carried 3-0. Stroud requested that two printers that were in his office be deemed of no value and that they could be put together to make a good printer for Solid Waste. Motion to deem the printers of no value and give to Solid Waste was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. JC Tucker recommended that the obsolete items that were found in storage also be deemed of no value and discarded. Stroud will notify offices of purge of storage areas and ask that any item not locked up be tagged to keep if it still has value. Motion to deem items found in storage that are obsolete and not tagged to have no value and discarded was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Areas to be purged are in the area known as the bowling alley and the downstairs cage. All items must be tagged by the end of March and the purge will happen on or near April 1<sup>st</sup>. Stroud presented the request for casino dollars for the playground equipment that will be at the

new Paoli Park that will have the likeness of the County Courthouse. Request was tabled for more information. Stroud presented the request for appointments to the Orange County Fire Board. Appointment were tabled for further information.

Steve Hopper reported that the HVAC equipment was delivered at the Community Center for installation. There has been a schedule provided. The lower level will not be without heat because two systems provide that and both will not be down at the same time. County Highway will work with the installation to keep the site as mud free as possible.

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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Richard Dixon

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Steve Hopper

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Marshall Noble

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