

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

Officials present: Commissioners Steve Hopper and Richard Dixon. Also present, Sheriff Josh Babcock, Attorney JC Tucker, and Auditor Lonnie Stroud. Not present Commissioner Marshall Noble.

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 26th 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 report on February stats and that jail population was at 89.

Carl Anderson, Orange County Road Superintendent, gave highway work report for districts 1,2, and 3.

Rick Emerick, EMA, reported that next week is national sever weather week. This is a time people are encouraged to check their emergency plans and notification equipment. More information can be found on the Orange County EMA Facebook page. There will also be a public service announcement provided to the media on possible limited weather notification radios being given to people that need a means of being notified of sever weather.

Richard Dixon request that the EMA, Orange County Sanitarian, and the Sheriff to find all Amish sawmills in the county and to notify them of state law on illegal burning. There was a report of another illegal burn that the owner would not allow the fire department to react to on County Road 350 North. The Orange County Sanitarian will provide the information for distribution to the saw mill owners and the Fire Protection Districts. The county will enforce local and state law in regards to illegal burning of waste products.

Michelle Paduani, US Forest Service, introduced herself and presented the plans on the 2019 control burns in the county. Michelle also described the FB page for the Us Forest service to engage and inform the public of activities.

Garland Eubank, 911, presented a request approved by Council to pay an employee, that previously worked in the position that she was hired for 8 years prior employment, to be paid full pay. Motion to allow the employee with the prior experience in the job to be paid at the full pay rate was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Richard Dixon, and carried 2-0.

Angie Chastain, Purdue Extension Office, requested permission to apply for a local grant through the Community Foundation to pay for a hydroponics display for their office. Motion to approve the Extension office to apply for the grant was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Richard Dixon, and carried 2-0.

County Attorney JC Tucker reported on the land transfer between the FL Casino and the County. The transfer is currently in the County Auditor's office for review. JC presented the memorandum of understanding among Orange County, Town of French Lick, and the Board of Aviation of the Town of French Lick to address runoff water for the airport be no less restrictive than found in the Indiana Design Manual Part 2, Section 203-5.1 (02). Motion to approve memorandum was made by Richard Dixon, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 2-0. JC reported on the funding on the County Ambulance service. Paoli Town has requested a conference with the Commissioners to discuss the issue further before signing the agreement. Auditor Stroud presented options for the money to be presented to the hospital. It was decided that the County would establish a clearing fund (Fund 1151 Emergency Medical Services) for the town portion to be deposited into and written out of for the biannual payments. JC reported on settlement with Burgess and Niple on airport road. The lawsuit has been terminated and the County is to receive \$25,000. Richard Dixon reported that it was the only option that the County had to stop the outflow of dollars for the county.

Auditor Stroud reported that the county was due for the annual liability insurance renewal. Stroud reported that premium was reduced \$1,947.00.

Steve Hopper requested that the county contact the US Forest Service to make all marketable timber to be bid on at the County Park. Motion to have the US Forest service mark trees at the County Park for market was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Richard Dixon, and carried 2-0.

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

Richard Dixon

Attest: _____
Lonnie Stroud, Auditor – Orange County