

RECORD OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA
ON THE 2nd DAY OF JANUARY 2019 at 9:00 am

Officials present: Commissioners Steve Hopper, Marshall Noble, and Richard Dixon. Also present, Sheriff Josh Babcock, Attorney J.C. Tucker and Auditor Lonnie Stroud.

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

The minutes from December 19th 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 population is currently 98 in the county jail. Sheriff stated that was not bad with the New Year holiday over the weekend.

The Commissioners did the reorganization of the board with the motion to appoint Richard Dixon President by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Motion to appoint Marshall Noble Vice President was made by Richard Dixon, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Angie Chastain, Community Center Board, requested permission to seek bids for repairs to the Community Center. There needs to be replacements of tables, chairs and carpet as well as some leaks and insulation items. Richard Dixon suggested that Angie look to the National Joint Powers Alliance to get state approved bids for tables and chairs so she does not need to get three. Discussion on the type of floor that would be bid due to sound. Commissioners granted approval to go forward with getting bids. Once bids are received the commissioners will determine if Casino request would be in order based on the amount needed. Richard reported of parking concerns at the Community Center when large event during regular business hours. JC Tucker suggested that the annual contract be reviewed and possibly adjusted to meet the needs suggested.

Abby Heidendeich, new County Extension Director, reported on taking the new position that was vacated by Sarah Richer. Abby reported that there was discussion on adding a third educator so each educator could focus on specific task. Abby will be presenting information to the Council at their January 17th meeting. Abby reported that positions will be posted to fill the current vacant position as of today. Abby concluded with reporting on the 4-H signup schedule available with their office.

Rick Emerick reported working on the mutual aid agreement with Monroe County in regards to hazardous spills.

Tammie Johnson, Orange County Health Department, reported that she identified additional cost to the approved amount of renovations and would need \$5,500 instead of the \$4,200 approved in the last meeting. Steve Hopper said he reviewed the additional needs and agrees. Motion to allow the \$5,500 from Cumulative Capital Development fund was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Orange County Commissioners annual appointments are as follows: County Extension Board – Steve Hopper, Community Building Board – Steve Hopper, EMA Council – Richard Dixon, County Health Insurance Committee – Richard Dixon, Orange County Economic Development Partnership – Richard Dixon, Patoka Water Board – Marshall Noble, Region 15 Planning Commission (at large) – Jesse Wininger, and Veterans Service - Ron Taylor. Motion to approve the reviewed appointments was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

JC Tucker, County Attorney, reported that the recount for the school board position showed no change in count. This speaks highly of our Clerk Beth Jones’s office on the thoroughness of the original count.

Auditor Stroud reported that he has requested the county attorney to remove language in the credit card policy that allows the use of county credit card for per diem meal purchases. Marshall Noble commented that should also be added in the new county employee policy as well. Stroud presented the request to change the Commissioners meeting day to Tuesday. After short discussion motion to move meeting date (will also change pay day) to every other Tuesday starting on the 15th of this month was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Time and location remain the same.

Richard Dixon introduced and welcomed new commissioner Marshall Noble. Richard Dixon reported that the commissioners are looking at restructuring the highway department supervision. Richard reported that if the Council will approve, they wish to have 1 Highway Superintendent that would take care of all the administrative duties related to new regulations and grant work. The Highway Department would also have the existing positions of Highway Foreman for the three districts. Carl Anderson is being recommended for this position. The salary position this will create must be done with a salary ordinance approved by the Council. Motion to appoint Carl Anderson, contingent to Council approval, to the position of Orange County Highway Superintendent was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Marshall Noble made the motion to recommend to council that the new highway position for superintendent receive all the benefits granted county employees and be paid \$52,000 a year salary, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Carl Anderson thank the commissioners for the confidence in him.

Marshall Noble, District 1 Commissioner, made the appointment of Jesse Wininger to be his District 1 Foreman. Marshall made the motion to appoint Jesse to be the District 1 Solid Waste Co-Director, seconded by Richard Dixon, and carried 3-0. This appointment will be taken to the Solid Waste Board for consideration.

Linda Reynold, Orange County Assessor, requested permission to get rid of some old office equipment in storage. Commissioners requested a list of the items to be gotten rid of. Tammie Johnson stated that she also has some items that need to be removed. Tammie will provide a list of items as well. Extension office requested that the County Highway remove two desks that they had deemed no value at a prior commissioners meeting. Carl will arrange the removal.

Abby Heidendeich, presented an invitation to the Ag Outlook meeting on January 28th at 6:30 pm, open to the public. The meeting will be held at the Orange County Community Center.

With no further business to discuss, the motion to sign claims and adjourn was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble and carried 3-0

Orange County Commissioners

Marshall Noble

Steve Hopper

Attest: _____
Lonnie Stroud, Auditor – Orange County

Richard Dixon