

RECORD OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA
ON THE 15th DAY OF JANUARY 2019 at 9:00 am

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

The minutes from January 2nd were reviewed. Steve Hopper made the motion to accept the minutes without changes, Marshall Noble seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Babcock gave the December stats and presented the Commissioners with the 2018 yearend report. Sheriff also reported that the Jail collected \$114,000 in 2018 for holding DOC inmates.

Abby Heidendeich, Purdue Extension County Director, reported on the National Youth Summit that was attended by 3 Orange County youth. Reed Tarr, Jaylyn Engleking, and Bella Cassidy attended the summit in Washington DC. Bella Cassidy presented the commissioners a description of their experience and some of the things they learned.

Rick Emerick, EMA, presented the EMA Advisory Board's appointment recommendation to reappoint him EMA. Motion to accept the board recommendation and reappoint Rick Emerick as the Orange County Emergency Management Administrator was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Billie Deel, Treasurer, requested permission to purchase a new copier using the appropriated line in Cumulative Capital Development fund, the copier cost \$1,887. Motion to approve Billie's purchase from the Cumulative Capital Development fund was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Beth Jones, Orange County Clerk, presented a contract with Microvote General Corporation for the annual budgeted maintenance agreement. Motion to accept the annual service contract was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Beth requested permission to hire an additional part time person to address higher work load requirements. Motion to allow Beth to approach Council for the additional personnel was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Tammie Johnson, OC Health Department, reported on progress of their approved department remodel. Tammie request that the Commissioners consider allowing the person doing the work to bid on stripping and sealing the floors in the complex. Lyn Fullen stated that if the cost is over the \$5,000 it would need to have three bids solicited. Tammie presented the list of items to be considered of no value (3 desk, 2 laptops, and 3 chairs). Motion to declare the items of no value was made by Steve Hopper, seconded Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Zach Hughes, SRI, presented the commissioners with information on providing the county with a Commissioner's sale. The sale would allow the county to sell properties that did not sell in tax sale for less than what is owed on taxes. The county has about 60 properties that are in this group. Discussion on options for properties that have large town liens. The towns would have an opportunity to bid on those or the county could choose to sign those over to the town before the sale. Motion to approve Resolution 2019-4 allowing the commissioners sale was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Tara Damin, Clark Dietz, Inc., presented a contract agreement to preform professional services. Services would include grant work and other information/reports on a by request basis. Carl Anderson reported on the assistance that has been provided by Tara in the past being outstanding. Motion to approve the contract contingent to the County Attorney review and approval was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

County Attorney Lyn Tucker Fullen presented the contract with Quality Correction Care. The contract increased the hours from 20 to 40 hours a week for jail nurse. There were other issues addressed to bring the service in line with county policies and procedures as well. The contract term will be January 1st 2019 till March 31st 2023. However, it can be terminated with 30-day notice upon request. Abby Hall was present from QCC to answer questions. Motion to approve contract was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Lyn presented the Commissioners with Resolution 2019-1 amending the credit card use policy, Resolution 2019-2 approving reimbursement payment for Commissioners' phones, and Resolution 2019-3 approving the reimbursement payment for offsite grader operators for utilities. Motion to approve the three resolutions as written was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Lyn presented the Commissioners the amendment to the county employee, highway, and sheriff handbooks. The amendments limit the max allowable comp time to be accrued by county employees to be 105 hours and 240 hours for highway and sheriff departments. It also revises the travel policy/allowance for county employees, highway, and sheriff departments. Motion to accept the amendment to all three handbooks was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Lyn concluded by requesting that the Commissioners consider appointing a Democrat to the Town of Paoli Plan Commission at the next public meeting. Democrat party may be consulted for this appointment.

Auditor Stroud presented the Commissioners with a request to reappoint Mike McCollum to the Melton Public Library Board. Motion to reappoint Mike to the Melton Library Board was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Stroud presented the Commissioners with a service agreement and contract from Johnson Control to service the county fire alarms. Motion to approve the agreement and contract contingent attorney review and approval was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Stroud ask about appointments to the ATC and Region 8 Boards. Appointments were tabled till next public meeting on February 12th. Stroud presented the Commissioners a list of dates for their meetings (every other Tuesday at 9:00am). Motion to accept list was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble and carried 3-0.

Steve Hopper presented information on county highway projects that are completed and ongoing. Carl Anderson continued with reporting highway department stats for 2018. Carl reported that the county has put 2 million dollars on county roads in 2018. Carl requested permission to approach Council for additional money to address Bridge #57 near Denver Emmons Rd. Motion to allow Carl to get bids and approach Council was mad by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Carl presented a request to approach Council to appropriate money to allow repair of the county garage roof, the roof needs painted and sealed. Motion to allow Carl to get bids and approach Council for repairs was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Carl presented a request to seek bids and approach Council to buy a truck lift for the county garage. Motion to allow Carl to get bids and approach Council was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Carl request permission to start information only Facebook page for county highway department, this would be for posting information about road work. Motion to allow Carl to move forward with county Facebook page was made by Richard Dixon, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Steve Hopper reported getting positive reports on the work that has been completed.

Marshall Noble reported on an INDOT meeting to be scheduled on airport road, this would bring him and his foreman up to date. Marshal reported that the Commissioners have elected to allow Rudy Freeman permission to use 60 hours of the unused sick time he accrued and holidays that fall in January and February during his resignation period. The amount of service to the county was recognized as the reason for deviating from the county policy not allowing sick day to be used without doctor excuse for more than 2 consecutive days off. Motion to approve this allowance was made by Richard Dixon, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Board of Finance meeting will follow immediately after Commissioners meeting.

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