

RECORD OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA
ON THE 23rd DAY OF APRIL 2019 at 9:00 am

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

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

The minutes from the April 10th meeting were reviewed. Steve Hopper made the motion to accept the minutes with change to Senate Bill number to 552, Marshall Noble seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Josh Babcock gave report. At the time of the meeting the jail had 94 inmates.

Carl Anderson, Orange County Highway Superintendent, gave report on work being done in districts 1, 2, and 3. Carl reported that he anticipated letting the bids for May 21st for the Community Crossing grant projects.

Rick Emerick, EMA, reported on the completion of the disbursement of the weather radio grant. Rick reported on the inspection by the Indiana Fire Marshal of the Community Center building. No major findings were observed. There will need to be some documentation provided to finish the inspection. Rick continued with reporting on flooding during the Dogwood Pedals bike ride event. Rick thanked the law enforcement, fire departments, and local ham radio operators for their assistance. Rick concluded with reporting that he will be working on the Homeland Security grant for the software to provide computer aided dispatch.

Pat Akins, Greenfield Township Trustee, requested that she have a contact number for the District 1 foreman Jesse Wininger and that signs that they purchased to identify township lines be put up on roads. Marshall Noble will provide a contact number for the District 1 foreman, and the signs can be installed with existing appropriated funds.

Valerie Moon, Orange County Transit, presented the Commissioners with the claim for their review and signature for the vehicle capital grant. Motion to approve signing the claim for the capital 5311 transit grant was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Valerie concluded with presenting the Commissioners with a proposed public hearing notice for the 2020 capital 5311 transit grant. Motion to approve the application and hearing was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Richard Dixon, and carried 3-0.

JC tucker, County Attorney, reported on language in Senate Bill 552 was moved to House Bill 1015. It was reported that the Community Support Fee is left intact, the live dealers for Racinos is moved up to January 2020, and the West Baden Historic Preservation amendment date was changed to July 1, 2021. Richard Dixon asked if the Community Support Fee is protected. It was reported that legislation can change anything that was previously decided, just like the one time 20 year contract the county was promised. The current legislation remains fluid. JC concluded with presenting the Commissioners with an agreement with Paoli First Baptist Church fort the use of their parking lot for the next 4 years. Motion to approve the agreement was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

John Russo, Yates Engineering, presented information on the Frontier fiber optic lines and stations that will be placed on county right of ways. Carl Anderson requested that at least 36-inch depth be maintained on county right of way to prevent accidental damage during ditching activity. JC Tucker commented that it has been a long-standing issue with Frontier cables not being buried properly and the county being billed for damage. Carl Anderson to review and approve the depth on the proposed plans.

Auditor Stroud presented a casino request for \$3,538 to close out the French Lick Airport Road fund. Motion to approve the request and forward to the Council was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Steve Hopper reported on Jeff Richardson donating time and material to refurbish the Cattleman’s building at the 4-H fairgrounds. Appreciation was conveyed by all Commissioners.

Richard Dixon reported on county Frontier phone problems. Auditor Stroud is to request a representative from Frontier come and report on the loss of the contact person we once had. Richard commented on the work that was done by our local representatives to keep the Community Support Fee for the local units.

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

Marshall Noble

Steve Hopper

Richard Dixon

Attest: _____
Lonnie Stroud, Auditor – Orange County