

RECORD OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA
ON THE 8TH DAY OF MAY 2019 at 9:00 am

Officials present: Commissioners Steve Hopper, Richard Dixon, and Marshall Noble. Also present, Sheriff Josh Babcock 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 23rd meeting were reviewed. Steve Hopper made the motion to accept the minutes as written, Marshall Noble seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Josh Babcock gave April report. At the time of the meeting the jail had 84 inmates.

Carl Anderson, Orange County Highway Superintendent, gave report on work being done in districts 1, 2, and 3 for preparation for the Community Crossing grant work. Carl reported that the county wide clean up was a success. Carl reported that there was an emergency bridge closing in Southeast Township on County Road 175 East, traffic will be rerouted.

Arnold Sabbas, Frontier Phone Solutions, reported on the outage the county experienced. Arnold provided a document outlining the escalation of service that the county can follow in a similar incident. Arnold also discussed recent changes in personnel and processes for service.

Valerie Moon, First Chance Transit, presented the Commissioners with the 1st quarter transit report. Valerie reported that the numbers were slightly down due to changes in dispatch and low driver numbers. Discussion on the need and difficulty hiring part time drivers. Valerie presented the 1st quarter claim or review and signing. Motion to sign claim was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Michael Stevens was recognized for his achievement at the Special Olympics.

Carl Anderson, Orange County Highway, requested permission to list old equipment with Gov Deals or have it scraped. Motion to allow Carl to move forward with having the old equipment liquidated and any revenue deposited back into the Highway fund was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Steve Hopper reported on the roof repair on the County Complex Building. The repairs were completed and there were other issues that need to be addressed as preventative at an amount of \$4892. Steve reported that the State Forester did not recommend a timber sale on the property that the county is considering selling. Marshall Noble recommended getting appraisal information and see if the appraiser could advise to the value of not harvesting. Stroud will request Tucker Law Office to solicit the required appraisals for the property to be sold.

Marshall Noble reported on the lawsuit between Jerry Breedlove and the County’s insurance. The judge dismissed the case. Marshall requested if there has been any progress in looking into the rate increase on the Community Center. The Fire Marshal found some items that need funding at the Community Center. Steve Hopper reported that the Community Center Board will be discussing the increase in their next meeting.

Richard Dixon reported on the Courthouse landscaping. 3 bids were solicited with Grubb Worm being the least at \$6990. Motion to accept the bid from Grubb Worm was made by Richard Dixon, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Richard reported on receiving a congratulation letter from Steve Bartle on receiving Community Crossing grant money.

John Noblitt reported on legislation that was passed in reference to casinos in the state. Discussion on the proposed Food and Beverage Tax, the Commissioners would like to have more information. The information available shows that the county may only be able to collect around \$16,000 a year. Stroud to contact the State Auditor to see if information can be gathered on what the FL/WB hotels collect on the 2% collected at their facilities. Discussion on the possible hardship on local business to implement the tax.

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

Richard Dixon

Attest: _____
Lonnie Stroud, Auditor – Orange County