

RECORD OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA
ON THE 21ST DAY OF MAY 2019 at 9:00 am

Officials present: Commissioners Steve Hopper, Richard Dixon, and Marshall Noble. Also present, Sheriff Josh Babcock, County Attorney Lyn Tucker Fullen, 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 May 8th meeting were reviewed. Marshall Noble made the motion to accept the minutes with one correction, Steve Hopper seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Josh Babcock gave report on new K9 unit, one drug arrest already assisted. Sheriff reported that the department will be stepping up traffic enforcement on county roads due to speed. Sheriff concluded with reporting on the jail population being at 93 at the time of the meeting.

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 and mowing. Carl reported that he was able to list the cars from the Sheriff Department and dump truck from the Highway Department on GovDeals.com.

Abby Heidenreich, Purdue Extension, reported on current projects and activities. The posting for the replacement educator has been lowered to a bachelor level education with the proper endorsements. Abby reported that the fair dates will be July 5-12. With the dates, Abby presented a request to add parking area due to the carnival taking a large area that was used for parking near the horse arena. County Attorney Lyn Fullen reported that there will need to be three bids presented before an approval from the Commissioners can be made on the purchase of material or contract work because the amount is over \$5,000. Carl Anderson reported that the Highway Department could assist in the delivery of the gravel. Motion to allow Abby to move forward and to approve a casino request to go to Council for consideration for \$35,000 was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Richard Dixon, and carried 3-0. This amount would cover the whole project of the parking lot addition to be gravel.

Lyn Fullen introduced Huntington Reynolds as an intern with Tucker and Tucker Law Office.

Valerie Moon, Orange County Transit, presented the 2020 Federal Transit Grant #5311 for review and signing. The Federal amount requested was \$172,986.

The meeting was temporally interrupted to open the bids for the Community Crossing work bids at 9:30am. There was only one bid that was provided and it was from Calcar Paving for the total of \$1,097,740. Motion to take bid under advisement and review was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble and carried 3-0.

Valerie Moon resumed with reporting on transit grant. Motion to approve the 2020 grant application was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Valerie presented the Commissioners with the Fiscal Year 2019 Certification and Assurances for review and signing. Motion to approve and sign was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Valerie then presented the commissioners with the annual passthrough agreement between the County and the Orange County Transit. Motion to approve and sign the agreement was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Fred Sizemore, Stampers Creek Township, requested the Commissioners to consider resurfacing County Road 300 (Johnson Road) to prevent dust. The road was once chip and sealed but was ground back to gravel. Steve Hopper will evaluate the possibility because that falls in his district.

Auditor Lonnie Stroud presented a job description for the dump transfer site attendants. Stroud requested that the time for reporting time worked be changed so time would be in the Auditor’s office by 9:00am the following Monday at the end of the pay period. Motion to accept the job description with the suggested changes was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Stroud then requested the Commissioner pass an ordinance that makes it mandatory that all county employees get paid by direct deposit. The difficulty and cost of paper checks being the main reasons. Lyn Fullen will present an ordinance at the next meeting for signing.

Steve Hopper reported on Community Center purchase of new chairs.

Marshall Noble requested Carl Anderson replace Jessie Wininger on the Region 15 Planning Commission. Motion to appoint Carl Anderson as the At Large appointment was made by Marshal Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Marshall reported that he was still looking for a replacement for Jim Springer as the appointment to the Alcoholic Beverage Board. Marshall also requested if the request for appraisals on the County Park was underway. Lyn Fullen reported that appraisers have been contacted to do that work. Lyn will forward the original email.

Richard Dixon commended the Highway Department on work.

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

Attest: _____
Lonnie Stroud, Auditor – Orange County

Richard Dixon