

RECORD OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA
ON THE 4TH DAY OF JUNE 2019 at 9:00 am

Officials present: Commissioners Steve Hopper, Richard Dixon, and Marshall Noble. Also present, Chief Deputy Sheriff Denis Lanham, County Attorney JC Tucker, and Auditor Lonnie Stroud.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Denis Lanham called the meeting to order. The pledge to the Flag was given and Auditor Stroud opened with prayer.

The minutes from the May 21st meeting were reviewed. Marshall Noble made the motion to accept the minutes, Steve Hopper seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Denis Lanham was present for any question for the Sheriff Department. There were no questions for the Sheriff Department.

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 sell the cars from the Sheriff Department and dump truck from the Highway Department on GovDeals.com. Carl reported that meeting with the transfer station attendants was complete. Carl requested permission to get additional appropriation for contract work that will be preformed by Clark Dietz. There will need to be Road Certifications/Mapping and Updating to the County Database to have the county roads recertified. The total for the certification contract work will be \$24,400. Motion to approached Council for the additional money was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Carl requested permission to request additional funding of \$ 22,940 for the repair of Bridge #102. Motion to approve Carl to approach Council with and additional appropriation request from Bridge Fund was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Rick Emerick, Orange County EMA, reported on work on Homeland Assessment.

Richard Drake, Orange County Rural Fire Department, requested paid man power for the rural fire departments. There was discussion on failed legislation, training requirements, and the heavy load on volunteers. Marshal Noble questioned the cost of the request. Auditor Stroud reported that the total number brought to Council was 15 full time employees. If each employee was paid \$50,000 (including benefits) that would be \$750,000. Richard reported that the County Fire District Board was hoping to start off with a lesser number and work up to that. Larry Ashley, Orange County Fire District Board, was present in support of the request. The Commissioners requested a joint meeting with the Orange County Fire District Board at their next scheduled meeting in July. Rick Emerick was tasked by the Commissioners to find out what other counties are doing to address the issue.

Angie Chastain, Purdue Extension Office, reported on the chairs that were ordered from Sam’s Club. The chairs are currently in transit. There has been trouble with the tracking and they are not sure of the exact delivery. The replacement tables will be ordered once the chairs have arrived. The carpet for the Community Center is scheduled to be installed after the fair. Angie reported that the rate increase information is available for the Community Center Board to review at their next meeting. Steve Hopper reported that there has been an issue with the HVAC at the Community Center that will need to be addressed. The system may need an overhaul. They are currently looking to obtain a service contract for maintenance.

JC Tucker, County Attorney, presented the bid from Calcar Paving for Community Crossing grant work that was tabled for review. Motion to accept the bid for \$1,097,740 was made by Steve Hoper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. JC presented an easement request from property owner Levi Smoot located on Airport Road. The requested 20-foot easement seamed large. Motion to approve the easement after the approval of County Highway Superintendent to find it necessary to be 20 ft was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. JC Tucker presented the Commissioners with an amended memo of understanding between the Commissioners, the Town of French Lick, and the French Lick Board of Aviation of the Town of French Lick (no substance changes only language). Motion to approve the amended MOU was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve hopper, and carried 3-0. JC presented the Commissioners with the request for the appointment to the Paoli Township Advisory Board. Marshall Noble reported that the name provided was Tim Lambdin of Paoli. Motion to appoint Tim Lambdin to the Paoli Township Advisory Board was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. JC presented the Commissioners with the proposed Ordinance 2019-1 to make direct deposit mandatory in most cases for county employees. Motion to approve the ordinance was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Marshall Noble had to leave the meeting for other obligations.

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

Orange County Commissioners

Marshall Noble

Steve Hopper

Attest: _____
Lonnie Stroud, Auditor – Orange County

Richard Dixon