

RECORD OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA
ON THE 16TH DAY OF JULY 2019 at 9:00 am

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

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

The minutes from the July 2nd meeting were reviewed. Steve Hopper made the motion to accept the minutes as written, Marshall Noble seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Babcock reported June stats and that the population in the jail is 93. Sheriff also reported that the DOC has changed the way that they reimburse the county for holding level 6 felons. The county will receive \$129 thousand later this month. This amount will be evaluated annually based on jail population. Discussion on the jail reimbursement history.

Carl Anderson, Orange County Highway Superintendent, gave report on district 1, 2, and 3 road work and mowing. Carl requested casino money of \$113,217 to purchase two one-ton trucks with snow plows. Motion to approve the request to go to Council for consideration was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, ad carried 3-0.

Rick Emerick, Orange County EMA, reported on EMA Salary Grant completion.

Darla Sokeland. Orange County Treasurer Deputy, requested permission to have an old bench that was in their office deemed no value so it can be disposed of. After looking at the bench, motion to approve the request to deem the old bench of no value so it may be removed was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Rebecca Kemple, Orange County Transit, requested the commissioners to sign the certificate of title for the two vehicles that were purchased with 5311 Transit Grant money. The purchase was already approved in the grant agreement and did not require a motion.

Lyn Tucker Fullen, updated the Commissioners on the Preparedness Grant contract with Tammie Johnson. The contract draft is complete but because the grant agreement from the state is not, she does not feel comfortable allowing the Commissioners to sign that contract. Lyn presented the Commissioners with three bids for the jail cooler/freezer. The first was from HPDI for \$10,969, second was from Busick Mechanical for \$12,100, and the third was from Johnson Control for \$16,976. The Sheriff stated that the Jail Commander feels most comfortable with the bid from Busick Mechanical. Motion to approve the bid from Busick Mechanical for \$12,100 due to customer support was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Lyn concluded by introducing Noah Magner as assisting in their office.

Auditor Stroud reported on the County budget process. The County has started putting information together to submit to the state for their review and approval. Stroud also reported that the County payoff of the Courthouse was complete. The county saved over \$300k in interest by doing this. It was possible because of foresight of putting away money into a bond redemption fund over the last 10 years.

Steve Hopper reported on the district 2 work.

Marshall Noble reported on work on 310 S for oil coming up.

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