

RECORD OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA
ON THE 13TH DAY OF AUGUST 2019 at 9:00 am

Officials present: Commissioners Steve Hopper, Richard Dixon, and Marshall Noble. Also present, Sheriff Josh Babcock, County Attorney JC 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 16th meeting were reviewed. Marshall Noble made the motion to accept the minutes as written, Steve Hopper seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Babcock reported July stats. Sheriff also reported that the repairs and replacements to the jail kitchen equipment were complete and working well.

At 9:05 JC opened bids for the purchase of the County Park property. There was one bid presented for consideration from Tim and Bill Moffatt for \$203,850. This bid met the minimum bid threshold established by 90% of two bids. Motion to accept the bid and forward to Council for final approval was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Richard Dixon, and carried 3-0.

Carl Anderson, Orange County Highway Superintendent, gave report on district 1, 2, and 3 road work and mowing. Carl requested permission to ask for an additional appropriation to repair bridge #74. Motion to approve the request to go to Council for consideration and do the required repairs was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, ad carried 3-0.

Rick Emerick, Orange County EMA, reported on possible opportunities for grant money that he wished to pursue for the county. Motion to allow Rick to move forward with applications for the Commissioners to review was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Tammie Johnson, Orange County Preparedness Coordinator, presented a contract agreement with the county to do contract work on behalf of the county. Contract was reviewed by the County Attorney and found to be appropriate. Motion to approve the contract service to be paid through the county by the preparedness grant was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Theresa Pate and Janet Harrison, Orange County Christmas Round-Up, presented a request to have 3 days donated to use the Community Center Building. There was discussion on how this directly benefits the community and every dollar saved for renting the building goes to the community. Motion to allow the 3 days in December was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Zach Brown, Orange County Development Partnership, reported on the meeting date for the Quality of Place and Workforce Attraction Plan Grant opportunities being held on August 27 at 6pm at Hill’s Venue 525 South Church Street, French Lick.

Rebecca Kemple, Orange County Transit, presented the 2nd quarter operation report for Commissioners to review.

Valerie Moon, Orange County Transit-First Chance Center, presented the Commissioners with the 2nd quarter Transit claim (\$69,710) for review and signature. Motion to approve the claim was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Valerie presented the Commissioners with the yearend Notification of De-obligation of State Transit Funds (\$2,347). Motion to sign the notification was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Valerie concluded with at request to place a collection container for Bottle Caps to Benches project in the County Courthouse.

Morgan Foster and Alan Massey, NewWave, reported on the fiber outage that the county has experienced in recent months. Auditor Stroud reported that the issue is unacceptable and a solution must be provided for the county. It was promised that the county would have 99% reliability when the service was sold to the county. Alan Massy reported that the County now has alternate routes and therefore backup support. Alan will be reporting to the Commissioners monthly to make sure the service is as sold to the County. Dan McDonald, County IT contractor, reported on the backup opportunities and the cost of those option. The county will not at this time seek an alternative connection and will disconnect from the Purdue Extension internet drop. Stroud commented on the great service that Kenetik’s has provided the county. Richard Dixon ask about protection from Ransom Ware. Dan commented that with the equipment that the Commissioners have purchased the county is well protected and if the event happened the backups are accessible quickly to restore and affected systems.

Michelle Paduani, USFS, gave report on US Forest activities and services for vegetation and aquatics.

JC Tucker, County Attorney, reported on the fully signed agreement for storm water on Airport Road with the Town of French Lick and the French Lick Airport. JC presented a MOU with Dubois County to work on cooperative county highway issues. Motion to sign the MOU with Dubois County was made by Steve Hoper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Auditor Stroud requested that the Commissioners deem the Superior Judge’s old desktop (a grant replaced it with a new one) and an old safe that was broken in the Auditor’s office of no value. Motion to deem both items of no value was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Stroud requested the Commissioners to follow up on a verbal agreement to make an appointment to the Trauma Informed Community Opportunity Committee. Motion to appoint Richard Dixon was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Steve Hopper requested information on when Lynd School Road work was to start. Carl reported that he was informed that the projected beginning date of August 26th.

Marshall Noble requested information on Abydel Road work starting. Carl reported that he does not have a date on that at this point but will try to pin that down.

Richard Dixon commented on complaints that he has received on the damage from horseshoes to the new paved roads. No clear solution is available at this point. Richard also asked Billie Deel about a property that was just north of Orleans that had an environmental issue. Billie stated that the property was not on tax sale because of the ongoing brownfield issue. JC commented that the county does not want to take possession of any property that is a brownfield property. Billie was advised to keep properties off the tax sale that had identified environmental problems. The County does not need to take on that responsibility.

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