

RECORD OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA
ON THE 24th OF SEPTEMBER 2019 at 9:00 am

Officials present: Commissioners Steve Hopper, Marshall Noble, and Richard Dixon. 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 September 10th meeting were reviewed. Steve Hopper made the motion to accept the minutes as written, Richard Dixon seconded, and the motion carried 2-0-1 with Marshall Noble abstaining.

Sheriff Babcock gave department report. Sheriff reported that population was at 87 and that the county has traded one female inmate for one male inmate with Crawford County.

Carl Anderson, Orange County Highway Superintendent, gave a report on district 1, 2, and 3 road work, mowing, and that 100% of the Community Crossing Grant project is complete.

Rick Emerick, Orange County EMA, reported that the county was awarded 50 additional weather radios that have been distributed. Rick also reported that the demo on the 911 software was successful. IamResponding has offered a free 60-day trial to prove the service. If the county choses to select the software the question would be if the other units would support the additional cost of up to \$800 a year per unit. There would be discounts available if the contact amount was paid in full. Sheriff Babcock described the need to have software that provides a logging capability. The 60-day trial would prove out if the system will preform the needed services. JC said that the free trial does not require Commissioners approval. Rick and Sheriff Babcock will move forward with having the free trial for the software.

Beth Jones, County Clerk, presented a request to deem a shredder in her office deemed of no value so it could be disposed of. The Shredder is more than 12 years old and no longer works. Motion to approve the disposal was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Beth continued with presenting a request for use of space in the Courthouse. She will need the Jury Room located in the Courthouse on October 21th - November 5th 2019, April 7th - May 5th 2020, and October 6th - November 3rd 2020. There will need to be some items removed to allow for ADA requirements to be met. The Commissioners acknowledged the request.

Billie Deel, Orange County Treasurer, reported on the tax sale success. 51 properties were sold of the 81 up for sale.

Robin Stackhouse, County Council, reported that the county was moving forward in the budget prosses and that the budget adoption meeting was scheduled for October 24th at 5:00pm.

Rick Anderson, Johnson Melloh Solutions, presented information on potential energy savings for the county. The savings would primarily come from the placement of solar panels and LED lighting. Motion to allow Mr. Anderson billing information from county properties to perform a free energy usage study was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. This would only be a review and not a quote.

Valerie Moon, Orange County Transit, presented the 2020 annual 5311 Transit Grant for the capital and operational applications. Motion to approve the 2020 annual 5311 operational grant application was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Motion to approve the 2020 annual 5311 capital grant application was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

County Attorney JC Tucker presented the concern that the French Lick Hotel Casino had for the need of an Urgent Care Facility. The IU Paoli Hospital is interested in the feasibility of this facility being placed near the IU Paoli Hospital on county property. JC presented the Commissioners with an access agreement to allow the hospital to have borings done on the site. Motion to sign the access agreement was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. JC continued with reporting that the GIS data sharing agreement with WTH and Dubois Water was complete. The requested language changes allowing the Auditor to direct/share information received from WTH to the other county vendors at the direction of the County Auditor at no charge to the county was added. Motion to approve the agreement was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. JC stated that this language will be part of any further agreements with WTH. JC presented the agreement that Highway Superintendent Carl Anderson requested for a contract with Indiana Testing Inc. to perform the Federal required drug and alcohol testing. Carl explained that the current testing service (Midwest Toxicology) had raised their rates and was not as cost effective any longer. Motion to approve the contract with ITI for the Federal Government required drug and alcohol testing was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshal Noble, and carried 3-0.

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