

RECORD OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA
ON THE 6th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2019 at 9:00 am

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

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

The minutes from October 22ND were reviewed. Steve Hopper made the motion to accept the minutes without changes, Marshall Noble seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Babcock gave monthly report and reported that the Jail population is currently 84 with one inmate trade with Crawford County.

Carl Anderson, Superintendent, Orange County Highway Department, reported that the Highway Department finished up on the fog sealing October 24th. Bridge 74 replacement is going well and on track with the amount of closure time that was advertised. The solid waste transfer station fence at the Shirley Creek location is being replaced and should be complete on November 19th. Carl presented the Commissioners with the correction of the road inventory for review and approve. The correction is for 17.36 miles. Motion for Richard to sign the Mileage Certification Change Request was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. The Highway department will return to five 8-hour days next week for the winter months.

Ron Taylor, Veterans Service Officer, presented the commissioners with a report of service to the county. Ron requested that he be allowed to step down and only assist with the office and volunteer his time. Ron suggested that Terry Nicholson be appointed to be his replacement. Motion to appoint Terry Nicholson to be the Veterans Service Officer was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Terry would do the same hours and complete the necessary training.

Rebecca Kemple, Orange County Transit, gave the 3rd quarter report for the commissioners to review. Valerie Moon, Orange County Transit, presented the claim for the 3rd quarter reimbursement with INDOT for review and approval. Motion to approve the 3rd quarter claim was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Lynne Miller, Orange County Cancer Patient Services, requested permission to hold a fund raiser at the Community Center at not charge. Steve Hopper reported that the \$25 clean fee would still be applicable. Motion to approve the rent waiver and only charge the cleaning fee was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. The date was already set with the Extension Office.

Tammie Johnson, Orange County Health Department, requested the replacement of a desktop computer that will no longer be supported with software for the amount of \$1,141. Motion to allow The Health Department to make this purchase from Cumulative Capital Development equipment purchase line item was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Lyn Fullen presented the Commissioners with two legal description correction to warranty deeds that were included in the Airport Road project. Parcel 59-12-21-100-013.602-001 was corrected and the motion to approve the corrections was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by, Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Motion to also approve changes to description to parcel 59-12-21-400-007.002-001 was made by Marshal Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Richard Dixon, requested information on the project with the IU Health Hospital Paoli and the county property that they currently lease. Lyn will review and present more information at the next meeting.

Auditor Stroud presented the 2020 Holiday Schedule to the commissioners for review, there will be 16 days in 2020. Stroud presented the changes to the dental policy that the county facilitates for the county employees. The rate change will be Single from \$34.76 to \$36.85, Employee + One \$76.65 to \$81.25, Employee + Family from \$134.72 to \$142.80. Stroud also presented a request from the Judge to allow the sale of a cell phone purchased with drug fund user fee money to be sold to the person resigning for a fair market value of \$300. Richard Dixon commented that County Attorney JC Tucker’s concern with information on the phone was addressed and the motion to approve the transaction was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Marshal Noble presented a concern from a citizen about trees that are on county property that are leaning towards his property. The request was for the County to remove the trees. In the discussion of options County Attorney Lyn Fullen said that before any trees are removed, she requests the Commissioners have the County Surveyor mark the county property lines. Richard recommended tabling the issue till next meeting.

There was discussion on new roads being damaged with metal wheeled carts and near collision misses on new paved roads that are being traveled more. Marshall Noble reported that Abydel Road has grooves already from metal wheeled traffic. Richard Dixon suggested that a community meeting be arranged to discuss the issues.

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

Richard Dixon

Steve Hopper

Marshall Noble

Attest: _____
Lonnie Stroud, Auditor – Orange County