

RECORD OF THE MEETING OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA
ON THE 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020 at 9:00 am

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

Auditor Stroud gave prayer, Richard Dixon led in the pledge to the Flag.

Sheriff Babcock called meeting to order.

Motion to approve the minutes as written from August 25th meeting was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble and carried 3-0.

Sheriff reported that the Jail population was 95. Sheriff Babcock presented a request to sell two retired Sheriff vehicles to Crawford County for a total purchase price of \$10,000. Motion to approve the sale of the two Commissioner owned vehicles to Crawford County Sheriff Department for \$10,000 was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Carl Anderson, Orange County Highway Superintendent, gave road work report for the county.

Rick Emerick, EMA, reported on PPE distribution, attending upcoming after-action plan meeting related to COVID, changes in the color coding of the Indiana map on COVID tracking, and continued support with the Orange County Health Department.

Karie Becht, Backpacks of Blessing, request the use of the Community Center foyer and breezeway to distribute fee prepackaged food items. Motion to approver the use of the foyer and breezeway at no cost was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Amie Wilson, Orange County Health Department, presented a request to continue pursuing the Local Health Trust Grant and the Local Health Maintenance Grant. Amie also requested permission to seek an additional grant that would provide a new laptop and printer for the Health Nurse in the work she is doing with COVID 19. Motion to approve all three grants to be pursued was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Auditor Stroud said if the grant for the Nurse was not successful that the county could add it to the reimbursement request on the CARES Act possibly.

Mark Lynsey, Lyndsey Construction, presented information on the work bid on the Court House. It was decided that the scope of work would be modified to only include essential work for this year and there would be a new bid prepared.

County Attorney Lyn Tucker Fullen presented information on the Grass Clipping Ordinance. It was decided to table the Ordinance till further review can be done. Lyn also reported on the start on the Ordinance for Amish Buggy registration. There will be future meetings to establish details.

Auditor Stroud requested the County officially decline withholding payroll tax being deferred. This is not a forgiveness of income tax and would cause hardship later when the tax was due. The County has not reduced any employees' wages due to COVID 19. Motion to elect not to participate in the payroll deferral program was made by Richard Dixon, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Marshal Noble reported on the possible refusal, of the organizers, of the Block Bash to hold an event outside the restrictions set by the State of Indiana for gatherings. Two proposals were rejected by the Health Officer due to the number of participants. The event is being advertised to be held on September 18-20th near French Lick. Tucker Law Office is to work with the Health Department to either have a plan that is approvable or file an injunction with the court to stop the event and establish penalties.

Richard Dixon reported on future meeting with the Amish Community on buggy registration on the 14th. The discussion will be partly of how registration will be verified. Richard reported that there will be a committee on the needs of the County for a future Complex/Jail/Courthouse. There is currently a viability study being conducted at no cost to the County on a site on Hospital Road in Paoli.

With no further business to discuss the motion to 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