

RECORD OF THE MEETING OF THE  
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE  
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA  
ON THE 15th DAY OF JUNE, 2021 at 9:00 am

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

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

Sheriff Babcock called meeting to order.

Motion to approve the minutes from June 1st meeting was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Sheriff Josh Babcock gave May stats.

Carl Anderson, Highway Superintendent, introduced Scott Rutherford, Paoli Town General Forman. Carl reported that the Interlocal Agreement with the Town was signed by Paoli Town Council. Lyn presented the agreement between Orange County and the Town of Paoli for road work on Unionville and Elm Street for approval for signatures of the Commissioners. Motion to approve the interlocal agreement was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. The agreement is to address work where the new county roads meet the town roads. Carl reported on the work for the Community Crossing prep in all three districts. Carl reported that he and the three district foremen attended the 2021 IACHES conference on June 2-3. They learned the updates to the Highway Restricted Fund. The County's district will meet with Senator Mike Brahn at the upcoming Southwest meeting at the Patoka Lake Winery (date not determined). Carl concluded with reporting on the work that will be started once Community Crossing Grant Prep work is complete and that all three districts are currently doing mowing.

Rick Emerick, Orange County EMA, reported on grant opportunities. This year's Homeland Security salary matching grant will do max of \$18,000. There will likely be other grant opportunities that will make up the difference in the reduction from previous years and he will present them as they present. Rick reported that the fiber internet is connected at the OCJGC building. It is ready for the Smithville security monitoring as well.

Frank Lynd, Orange County Maintenance Director, presented a quote to replace the urinals for the Community Center. The current urinals do not use water and stink. Motion to approve the replacement of all the urinals in the Community Center (upstairs and down) by Orange County Plumbing not to exceed \$10,000 was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Frank reported that the change over from air thermostats to electric is 40% complete. Frank presented information on the chillers and boilers for the Complex and Courthouse. Frank got quotes from Adams Chemical to provide chemical systems to keep the water treated for both buildings. To flush and replace the system water in the Complex it was quoted to be \$9,497 and \$1,381.75 to replenish the system at the Courthouse. The service agreement to cover both buildings going forward is \$200 a month. Motion to approve Adams Chemical to do the proposed work and sign the service agreement was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Frank presented Auditor Stroud with a copy of the sprinkler system inspection for recording. In conclusion Frank reported that he requested 4 quotes for the repair of the Courthouse Clock. Only one company returned a quote for the repairs for \$25,265, paid in two installments. Motion to approve the agreement from Verdin Bells & Clocks to repair the Courthouse Clock was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. The payment that is do at signing will be paid from Cumulative Capital Development. Stroud will advertise for Council consideration at the July Council meeting the second installment from the Casino Fund.

Robin Brown, Orange County CASA, presented a request to clarify that the county travel policy will allow her hotel, per diem, and milage for meeting with children being housed more than 50 miles. Motion to approve the hotel, reimbursement of per diem, and mileage (the current policy only addresses training and conferences) was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Kristal Painter, Orange County Economic Development Partnership, reported on the future money being made available through the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI). Counties will need to adopt a Resolution to identify which region they will be a part of. This must be submitted before July 1<sup>st</sup>. Orange County will be part of Radius Indiana region and they will be submitting a joint application. There was an event yesterday to discuss the focus: Advancing Regionalism, Focus on Key Employment Sectors, Education and Workforce Development, Quality of Place, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, and Addressing the Unique Needs of Rural Communities. The funding required 80% match to receive 20% funding. ARPA money can be used and the County has at least one program that already qualifies. The Resolution will be ready for review at a special Commissioners meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00. Kristal also reported to the Commissioners that Southern Indiana Development Commission is working on having funding available for rehabilitation of housing in Orleans and Paoli.

Angie Chastain presented the Commissioners with a financial report of activity at the Community Center. Requested that a cell phone number be updated on the application. Angie also reported that there have been some reports of the breaker for the kitchen outlets being tripped. Frank Lynd will look into this and see if there could be signage or additional circuits added if needed.

Tammie Johnson, Preparedness Coordinator, thanked the Commissioners for presenting the awards and showing their appreciation to the volunteers. Tammie also reported that there will be a reimbursement from a grant to offset loss of revenue because of the clinic that was held at the Community Center.

County Attorney Lyn Tucker Fullen presented the ARPA agreement acknowledgement that was signed by Richard to be approved retroactively. Motion the approve Richard to sing the acknowledgment from the Department of Treasury was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Lyn presented the Lease Agreement with Thrive Orange County. The lease allows space at the OCJGC at \$1.00 per year as an in-kind contribution from July 2021 through June 2023. Motion to approve the lease agreement was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Richard Dixon reported that Inliner will be needing a larger door for receiving. Richard reported that the lease agreement will reflect that expense as it will not benefit the County going forward.

Auditor Stroud presented engagement letter from Peters Municipal to preform the loss revenue estimate calculation for the ARPA plan and the salary study. Motion to approve Richard to sign the engagement letter not to exceed \$6,200 total was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Stroud presented a bill from Johnson Controls for \$715 that the County does not believe they owe due to warranty on product but are being threatened with a collection agency for labor charged. Motion to have Tucker Law draft a letter disputing the charge was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Marshall Noble reported on the agreement with French Lick Town to do work on the County Road 100S (Gorge Road) were the Community Crossing grant work ends. There will not need to be an interlocal but each is doing their part to come together. Marshall also reported that he was informed that the County will be receiving much less from the Wagering Tax, due to the potion of the agreement that allows the remittance to be cut with the loss of revenue (the county will try to recover this loss with ARPA funds).

Steve Hoper reported that the parking lot at the Community Center has been receiving attention. There has been 4,700 tons of millings and a layer of gravel added to level and improve that area for parking. This is not the finished lot but a good foundation to build on Richard reported.

Richard Dixon reported that there was an education session at the OCJGC to go over how the building process. This class was very educational for the officials present.

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In closing Carl Anderson requested that the minutes and paper record that the Highway Department has been dealing with a lot of theft of road cones and barricades. This is a crime and the persons doing it could be held responsible for injury or loss of life resulting from these barricades being removed. The public is asked to report any information of who might be involved with this to the Sheriff Department.

Upon motion made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0, the claims were approved to be signed and the meeting adjourned after signatures.

Orange County Commissioners

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Richard Dixon

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Steve Hopper

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Marshall Noble

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lonnie Stroud, Auditor – Orange County