

RECORD OF THE MEETING OF THE  
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE  
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA  
ON THE 19th DAY OF MAY, 2020 at 8:00 am

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

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

Richard Dixon called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Richard Dixon asked if they had an opportunity to review the minutes from the last two meetings. Motion to approve the minutes from May 4<sup>th</sup> regular meeting was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Motion to approve the May 8<sup>th</sup> special meeting minutes was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Sheriff Babcock gave Sheriff/Jail report. Sheriff reported that the population is 70. There have been no positives reported in the Jail or Sheriff Department for COVID 19.

Carl Anderson, Orange County Highway Superintendent, reported that the Community Crossing Grant has been submitted and Calcar Paving is ready to start work on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Carl gave report of the work for preparation in each district. As weather permits there will be prep work for the county to do their paving and chip and seal work as well. There was a brief discussion on Grapevine Hollow Road slide. Carl has had an engineer make some suggestions that the County can take before more drastic action is taken.

Rick Emerick presented information on the ultraviolet disinfecting lights that the county is looking into. The units cost \$40,000 each and can disinfect a 10x10 room in 15 minutes and larger rooms take longer. Rick reported on the different Grant possibilities that he found but the County is considering using funding available from the CARES Act to purchase. Rick reported that PPE for Fire, Law Enforcement, and Corrections has arrived and have been delivered. Rick reported that he continues to work with the Orange County Health Department in the COVID 19 Pandemic. In conclusion Rick reported that the contract for the EMPG Salary Reimbursement that was electronically signed by Richard Dixon.

Judge Owen, Circuit Court, reported on his experience with COVID 19 in his family and office. Judge presented the Commissioners with a copy of the procedures that he has implemented for future court. Judge thanked the Commissioners and Auditor for the help through this difficult time. Beth Jones commented that she had concerns about how it was handled at the beginning. Judge replied that he followed the County Health Nurse directions in self quarantine. Marshall Noble recommended that this conversation be continued at a later time.

Beth Jones, County Clerk, reported that she has had the public notice on early voting at the Courthouse. The lower entrance will be open and directions will be posted in the public notice and the door at the lower entrance of the Courthouse. Early voting starts next Tuesday. Beth has requested that the Sheriff and the Highway help deliver the voting machines to the precincts the evening before election.

Sandy Hill, Recorder, requested additional protection and a county policy for reopening. Richard Dixon requested that Tammie Johnson with preparedness prepare that policy and make contact with a company that can provide PPE for the county. Tammie will request that the Health Department make those purchases for the County and Auditor Stroud will set up a fund to charge those things to once the Commissioners approve the Coronavirus Relief Fund Acceptance Certification.

Tammie Johnson, Preparedness, requested permission to start preparing for the next grant application. Tammie requested that before she started, she wanted to know that she will have a contract with the county to be the person that is contracted to do this. Motion to approve Tammie to continue with the grant application and that they intended to continue with her being the contract person was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Tammie presented the Commissioner with a report of current activities for them to review.

County Attorney Lyn Tucker Fullen presented the Commissioners with the Coronavirus Relief Fund Acceptance Certification for their review and approval. Motion to approve and sign the certification was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Motion to allow Auditor Stroud to create a fund to run COVID 19 expenses and reimbursements through was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Motion to purchase 4 ultraviolet units once it is certain that it will be a reimbursable expense was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Stroud will forward request for reimbursement to all offices for their review of the documentation required. Lyn concluded with presenting the Commissioners with an interlocal agreement with Lawrence County Highway Department to cooperate resources. Motion to approve the interlocal agreement was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Auditor Stroud presented a request from Granite to provide wholesale communications. Motion to table the request till after the Health Emergency has been lifted was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Stroud requested permission to dispose of 3 old office chairs in his office. Motion to approve Stroud to dispose of them was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

With no further business to discuss the motion to adjourn was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Orange County Commissioners

Richard Dixon

Steve Hopper

Marshall Noble

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