

RECORD OF THE MEETING OF THE  
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE  
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA  
ON THE 22th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020 at 9:00 am

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

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

Sheriff Babcock called meeting to order.

Motion to approve the minutes as written from September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble and carried 3-0.

Sheriff had nothing to report.

Carl Anderson, Orange County Highway Superintendent, gave road work report for the county with paving to begin on Valeene road this Friday. Carl also reported on the receipt of a grant for using a soybean sealer on 4 bridge decks.

Cathy Carnes, Orange County Probation, reported on the award of a grant from Indian Criminal Justice Institute. The grant was for the amount of \$43,857 and would be used in response for COVID 19 expenses. Motion to approve the grant application retroactive was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Rick Emerick, EMA, reported on the proposed burn ban proclamation. There was a change to allow the fire rings to have a minimum height of 9 inches (instead of 10) to accommodate the rings at some local camp grounds. The rings must be 23 inches or larger in a clear area. Open burning of any debris such as construction material and/or vegetation removal, is prohibited, with the exception of grills fueled by charcoal briquettes or propane. Charcoal from permitted grills shall not be removed from the grill until the charcoal has been thoroughly extinguished. Motion to accept the proclamation and give Commissioner President Richard Dixon the authority to resend the order when it becomes unnecessary was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Zach Brown, former Economic Development Director, introduced Kristal Painter as the new director. Zach reported that there were 31 applicants for the OCRA Phase 2 grant. Awards will be processed as soon as the funds are received. The money distributed will be required to be spent on approved expenses within 90 day of receiving the award.

County Attorney Lyn Tucker Fullen will be forwarding documents to be completed on the OCRA Phase 2 grant as they become available. Lyn reported that work on the agreed ordinance for buggy registration is underway and will be reviewed by the Lawrence County attorney before being presented for signing, due to that being a coordinated ordinance allowing registrations from each county to cross county line. Richard Dixon reported that there is also a lighting ordinance that will be added in the near future that addresses how lighting is to be placed on buggies. There will be a warning process and fines outlined if the lighting requirements are not followed.

Auditor Stroud presented a request from Judge Cloud to retain possession of his desktop tower and phone that will be replaced by a grant and funds from the Drug Treatment Fund. The original desktop tower was purchased with grant money from Judicial Technology and Automation Committee and they had no objection to the County disposing of the item as they see fit. The phone and phone number has an approximate value of \$300. Judge request permission to have the tower deemed no value, allow him to retain possession of that desktop tower, and allow him to purchase the phone for \$300 (the money will be deposited into the Drug Treatment Program fund). Motion to approve the Judge request to deem the desktop of no value and sale the phone for \$300 was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Stroud requested that the County get back to clearing out the storage area in the basement and storage upstairs (as discussed pre-COVID). Commissioners agreed that items could be marked for disposal and the Highway department will work on scheduling of the removal once the road work slows down. In conclusion Stroud reported that he was seeking bids on having scanning of the Transfer Books so they can be downloaded to the County Data Pit Stop site. The county will be discontinuing use of the orange.in.us site and will only use the Data Pit Stop site in the future.

Steve Hopper request patience from the public during the repaving of Valeene Road for the next several weeks.

Carl Anderson reported that the county wide clean up is scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup> 8am till 12. They will be taking up to 8 tire per household on this date.

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

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Richard Dixon

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Steve Hopper

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

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Marshall Noble