

RECORD OF THE MEETING OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA
ON THE 26st DAY OF JANUARY, 2021 at 9:00 am

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

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

Richard Dixon called meeting to order.

Motion to approve the minutes as written from January 12th was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper and carried 3-0.

Carl Anderson, Highway Superintendent, reported that the application for the 2021 CCMG should be submitted tomorrow. Reported that the County Highway has stayed on top of the chipping after ice events. Also, the collections for the Amish metal wheel ordinance registration totaled just over \$31,000. It is the intentions to buy equipment for maintaining the hot mix roads to be sealed with that funding.

Billie Deel, Orange County Treasurer, requested a contract change for the collection agency that the County will use. The new service, American Financial Services, will be no charge to the County. JC reported that the changes he requested were addressed and the contract was acceptable. Motion to sign the contract was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Frank Lynd, Orange County Maintenance Director, reported on getting quotes to change over the thermostats from pneumatic to electric to help with temperature control in the building. Frank also reported that the county found two ladies to fill the temporary night janitor position.

Dan McDonald, Kenetix, presented the Commissioners with an upgrade to the county cyber security. After technical discussion the Commissioners elected to go with the new solution that will cost \$2 more per computer for the 137 computers that are protected under the current plan. Motion to approve the upgrade with the consent of the additional funding from County Council was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Tammie Johnson, Preparedness Coordinator, and Dr Jose Lopez, Health Officer, thanked the Commissioners for the use of the Community Center for the vaccination site. The hospital continues to vaccinate health care providers and public safety workers with over 2,700 vaccinated with first dose. The Orange County Health Department has done over 500 citizens vaccinations at this point. There was discussion on the fact that vaccinations will be going on through April. Angie Chastain reported that there will need to be several reservations canceled in April including the Orleans Prom if the Community Center is block off. There was also discussion on protecting the building from the large traffic flow. Frank Lynd will look into carpet protection for high traffic areas. Motion to block off the Community Center till May 20th and cancel reservation for March and April was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Marshall requested Frank Lynd to look into having the Community Center sign fixed to receive new messages. Frank to get with Kenetix to identify issue.

Kristal Painter, OCEDP, reported COVID Phase 3 proposal due January 29, 2021. Ads were placed in the paper as well as letters sent out in regards to procuring a Grant Administrator. Those submissions or applications are due to the OCEDP office by February 8th. The applications/submissions will be opened during the Commissioners February 9th meeting. A grant administrator will be selected at that time. A public meeting is required before the actual application can be submitted for the Phase 3 funding. That public meeting will take place at the February 23rd Commissioners meeting. Applications for the Phase 3 funding is due by February 26, 2021. Awards will be announced on April 1, 2021. The Community Foundation will assist with the nonprofit applicants.

JC Tucker, County Attorney, presented the request submitted by Hoosier Uplands to modify the timeline for OOR Grant HD-019_008 due to COVID-19 construction restrictions. The letter requesting the timeline extension was approved to be signed by motion from Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hoper, and carried 3-0. JC presented an addendum for the stipend to be paid to the Solid Waste attendants. Motion to accept and approve the interlocal agreement addendum was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. JC presented the Lease agreement with IU Health for the area used for the after-hours clinic. Motion to approve the corrected lease agreement with the corrected legal description was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. JC presented the completed lease and easement agreement with Smithville Fiber. This will provide more option to the citizens of Paoli for fiber service. JC presented the purchase agreement with JSI to purchase property and building on Hospital Road. The purchase agreement outlines who will pay for the Phase III environmental study and the purchase price of \$1,700,000. Motion to approve the purchase agreement was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, sand carried 3-0. JC reported that Peters Municipal will be providing bond council and an agreement will need to be entered in with them.

Jenny Matheis, Indiana Region 15 Planning, presented the claim for the completed phase II COVID -19 relief grant for \$250,000. Motion to sign claim for the reimbursement was made Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

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

Orange County Commissioners

Richard Dixon

Steve Hopper

Attest: _____
Lonnie Stroud, Auditor – Orange County

Marshall Noble