

RECORD OF THE MEETING OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA
ON THE 11th DAY OF AUGUST, 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 from August 7th special meeting was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble and carried 3-0.

Sheriff gave July stats. Jail population has been staying in low 80's.

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

Rick Emerick, EMA, reported on salary reimbursement grant completion and seeking a grant from Hoosier Uplands for laptop. Also, Rick has been continuing the support from Homeland Security on PPE distribution to public services.

IU Health Ambulance Service representative Ken Fahn, Kelly Mullis, and Trish Martinez came to present information on the ambulance service that is provided to the County. Trish Martinez was introduced as the replacement director for Ken Fahn. Marshall Noble questioned about there being times when all the IU Paoli ambulances are out of county. It was agreed that a plan be drawn up to address how stand-by status works for other outside services set up near the county line in the event that all the IU Paoli ambulances have to be out of county. Rick Emerick ask if there was a chance of getting full time 3 ambulance back. It was reported that it was unlikely because of financing. There will be financials provided the Commissioners within the next few days.

Valerie Moon, First Chance Transit, presented the quarterly claim and the transit report for the Commissioners to review and consider. Discussion on low driver numbers and the affect of COVID-19 on operations. Motion to approve Richard Dixon to sign the claim was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Lyn Tucker Fullen, County Attorney, reported that the August payment was made on the Graders and the payoff will be lower than advertised. This will give more time to complete the financing and the rate is the same.

Angie Chastain, Purdue Extension Office, introduced Clint Becht, as the new educator. Clint reported on this year's 4-H fair. Richard requested that Angie give them a report on scheduled rentals because of work that needs to be done in prep for the new parking lot at the Community Center.

Marshal Noble reported that there was a large event that the Town of French Lick denied permission for that was believed to be scheduled at a private property and request Commissioners honor their intent to keep large gatherings in check. The Commissioners will honor the Governor's order and defer the request of this gathering to the Health Officer for compliance.

Steve Hopper reported that the District 2 Forman stepped down from his position. Steve introduced Matt Chesnutt as the replacement. Matt was previously a District 2 Operator. Carl Anderson commented on Matt's knowledge and that he felt Matt will be a great asset to District 2 as the new Forman.

Richard Dixon reported on the upcoming meeting with the Amish community on the 17th for road damage and buggy registration. Also, Richard reported that the County is considering the feasibility of opportunities for a County complex.

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

Attest: _____
Lonnie Stroud, Auditor – Orange County

Marshall Noble