

RECORD OF THE MEETING OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA
ON THE 23rd DAY OF MARCH, 2021 at 9:00 am

Officials present: Commissioners Richard Dixon, Steve Hopper, and Marshal Noble. Also present, County Attorney JC Tucker, Sheriff Josh 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 March 9th meeting was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Sheriff Babcock reported Jail population was running 70-80.

Carl Anderson, Orange County Highway Superintendent, reported on road work in all 3 districts. The County is expecting a release of information on the Community Crossing Grant soon. Carl requested permission to sell 2 spreaders that attach to highway trucks. He was going to offer them first to the four town departments. Motion to allow Carl to sell 2 material spreaders was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Frank Lynd, Building Maintenance Superintendent, reported on HVAC thermostat work to begin in the upcoming weeks. Information is being gathered on the smoke alarm contract with Johnson Control. There would be savings (\$105) with additional services, but the County is currently in a 5-year contract that started in April 2019. Steve Hopper questioned the WiFi service at the Community Center. Frank reported that there was no update for the Community Center lower-level WiFi connection. The inside work has not been completed. Frank will coordinate with Smithville Fiber and the Community Foundation to complete that set up. Marshall Noble questioned the update on the repair of the sign at the Community Center. Frank reported that the sign company looked at it and it is not repairable. Bids are being prepared for the replacement.

Krystal Painter, OCEDP, reported that the Phase 3 Covid Relief Grant was moving on schedule.

JC Tucker, County Attorney, reported that the Council approved the salary ordinance for paying the Maintenance Director as a salary position at 40 hours, clarifying no overtime or comp time would be claimed. Commissioners confirmed that was the agreement. JC reported that the lawsuit brought by Perez against the County was dismissed with prejudice. JC reported that the closing on the JCI property on Hospital Road will be March 30th at 1pm. Documents for closing that were approved in the 2021-01 Resolution were signed by the Commissioners and the Auditor.

Auditor Stroud reported there is some information becoming available on the relief package that was part of the Federal Stimulus package. The County may have the opportunity to claim up to 3.8 million on lost revenue. It was reported that Casino and LIT loss revenue would likely be acceptable claims through 2024.

Marshall Noble reported that the CASA Director Robin Brown was able to get more hand sanitizing stations for other locations in the county buildings. Thanked her for taking the initiative to make that happen.

Richard Dixon, reported that there will be an open house for County Employees and the press to tour the JSI building on March 26th at 9:30am. There will be conceptional drawing prepared for the public to review in the future as well.

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

Marshall Noble

Attest: _____
Lonnie Stroud, Auditor – Orange County