

RECORD OF THE MEETING OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA
ON THE 4th 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 (Deputy Auditor Karie Becht sat in for the first 15 minute because Auditor Stroud was late).

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 meetings. Motion to approve the minutes from the last regular Commissioners meeting April 21st meeting was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Sheriff Babcock gave Sheriff/Jail report. Sheriff reported that the population is running in the 60's and 70's. There have been no positives reported in the Jail or Sheriff Department. Rick, Orange County EMA, will be looking into grant funding to purchase UV lighting that will disinfect the Jail and the Courthouse as needed. Marshall Noble requested that Rick get with Community Foundation, Region 15, and Clark Diez to see what the county would be eligible for in grant funding. Motion to approve Rick and Attorney Lyn Fullen to reach out to those entities for grant assistance was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble and carried 3-0. Rick concluded by reporting that the county will be receiving PPE that will be distributed to the first responders of the county and the Health Department is on top of positive case reporting and investigation.

Carl Anderson, Orange County Highway Superintendent, reported that the Community Crossing grant was awarded to the low bidder Calcar Paving. Calcar did the Community Crossing work last year as well. Carl gave report on all three districts' work and that it will be at least a month before paving will start on the Community Crossing work. This will be plenty of time to finish all prep. Richard questioned if the Highway was able to keep up with regular scheduled maintenance through the reduced staff period and if Carl was comfortable going back to full staff soon. Carl reported that he would have been last week but that he has had people that he knew that were found to be found positive in the last few days. Richard reported that the commissioners were considering removing the half-staff as the governor has softened the restrictions statewide. Carl said he would be fine with what the Commissioners decided and would make the necessary adjustments. Richard said that he would be in favor of the highway going back to full staff on May 11th and the county employees that are currently on half staff going back to full staff on the 18th. Marshall Noble made the motion that the highway would go full staff on the 11th and the remainder of county staff that is on half staff would go back full staff on the 18th, also that the public would not be allowed in the buildings till June 1st, motion was seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. However, there may need to be special arrangements for early voting at the courthouse. Marshall Noble reported that there have been positive cases reported in the upper level of the Courthouse on the square. Stroud reported that he had instructed the cleaning person to focus on that building over the weekend. Marshall made the motion to close the upper level of the Courthouse for one week to allow for multiple cleanings and time to pass, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Dan McDonald, Kenetic IT, presented two bids for hardware that needed replaces in the county's network. The total for all the equipment was \$9,541.26 from CDW and \$10,892.82 from Newegg. After discussion of the age and need of the upgrade as well as available budgeted money for equipment purchase the motion to approve for Dan to put in the purchase order with CDW by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Dan also reported on a bill that was passed by Indiana that allowed a security system (Fire Eye) that was purchased by the state election board could be used as a county wide security feature. This would be in addition to the current security and would not cost the county anything until 2022. Motion to allow Dan to investigate the security system to see if it fits our current needs without hindering productivity was made Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble and carried 3-0.

County Attorney Lyn Tucker Fullen presented a request from WTH to sell map information that was requested from CoreLogic. The County will receive \$750 for the non-photo electronic map data. Lyn said she had no objection to the data being forwarded. Motion to approve the data map data to be transferred to Corlogic was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Auditor Stroud presented the contract that was presented for the Commissioners approval with County Visitors Bureau and the County Tourism. The contract just extends the current Contract till December 31, 2021. Motion to approve the contract with only changes to the time period was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Stroud then presented the Orange County Transit report and Quarterly claim for review and signing. The report was sent to the commissioners for prior review as well. Motion to approve the claim after review was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Steve Hopper requested a date that the Extension Office can book events in the Community Center. It was first decided that July 4th would be a good date. But after later review the original motion and vote was adjusted to be June 1st with Marshall Noble making the motion, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. It was also decided that the County would suspend the county employee travel restriction as of May 4th by motion from Richard Dixon, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Richard Dixon presented a request from the County Election board re reduce the number of polling places from 13 to 5 (Southeast, Orangeville, Greenfield, Stampers Creek, Jackson, Northwest Only, Northeast Only, and the County Complex will be relocated) due to COVID 19 and the difficulty of finding polling workers. Motion to approve the reduction in polling places for the June Primary only was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Marshall Noble commented that he encourages everyone to follow social distancing while at the polls and in the public.

Richard Dixon reported that the county is going to need to adjust the plan for the parking lot at the Community Center. The elevation will need to be raised almost 15 feet to slow down water flow. The estimates will be higher that originally projected and the County will seek grant funding for at least part of the cost. Lyn will reach out to Region 15 for grant possibilities.

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

Orange County Commissioners

Richard Dixon

Steve Hopper

Attest: _____
Lonnie Stroud, Auditor – Orange County

Marshall Noble