

RECORD OF THE MEETING OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA
ON THE 20th DAY OF OCTOBER, 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.

After a moment of silence for Maintenance Director Steve Wells passing on Sunday, 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 as written from October 6th meeting was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble and carried 3-0.

Sheriff reported that the Jail population is at 98. Also, Sheriff reported that repairs to the Jail, after the attempted escape, were complete.

Carl Anderson, Highway Superintendent, reported on road work across the county. Carl reported that the Community Crossing work was complete as well. Carl reported that the countywide cleanup on October 3rd was a success with 280 yards of trash and 120 yards of tires to be recycled. Carl reported that portion of Airport Road (Co Rd 450S) will be close for bridge and culvert work. Also, Carl reported that even with the COVID 19 event the County Highway accomplished a very heavy load this year and wanted to commend all the hard work by the department and staff for doing a great job through the adversity.

Judge Steve Owen, Orange County Circuit Court, requested that a position in his office be changed from Clerk to Bailiff. Judge explained that the money for the position change comes from user fees. Auditor Stroud reminded the Commissioners that the Judge also relinquished the supplemental Judges pay provided by the County General fund. Motion to approve the proposed change upon Council approval of the pay increase was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper and carried 3-0.

Rick Emerick, EMA, reported on the cancelation of the burn ban. Rick also said he is still working with Homeland Security and the Health Department to keep first responders, corrections, and local police stocked with PPE. Marshal Noble questioned if the County was stocked with PPE? Rick reported that he maintains a stock, the Auditor's office has a stock, and the health department has a stock for their partners.

Abby Heidenreich, Purdue Extension, reported on services provided, enrollment, and lessons changes.

County Attorney, Lyn Tucker Fullen, presented information on the OCRA Phase II grant agreement. Lyn reported that she will work with the Economic Development to get the claims processed. Kristal Painter, OCEDP Director, reported that there will be 31 awards at \$8,064.51. Motion to accept the agreements and sign the claims once they are processed by OCEDP was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Lyn presented Ordinance 2020-4 Horse Drawn Carriage Registration. replacing 2020-8 to change language on the term and that this is a registration not a tax. Motion to accept the Ordinance 2020-4 was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Lyn Presented the clarification that the Horse Drawn Carriage Lighting Ordinance number is to be 2020-3. Motion to accept the ordinance number was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Lyn presented the grass clipping Ordinance for review. Carl Anderson brought the fact that some grass does get in the road from the mowing the highway does. After discussion it was determined that the ordinance would be tabled till more information and enforcement could be answered. In conclusion, Lyn presented the need of making the motion to approve the appraisal of the JSI building and the County Complex retroactive. Motion to approve the appraisal and forward the request for additional funds for the appraisal to Council was made by Steve hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Paul Turner, Smithville Fiber, was present to answer questions to the proposed request for an easement on the Community Center property. Marshall Noble requested that Smithville would consider the counter offer of \$7,500 for 50 years and providing internet service for the Community Building for the life of the agreement. Paul will present the request to the owner and get with Tucker Law Office to finalize if it is acceptable.

Auditor Stroud presented a request from Hoosier Uplands to appoint Richard Beaty, Richard Dixon, and Marietta Hager as an alternate. Motion to approve the appointments was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Stroud also presented a bill from Tucker Law Office for the services provided for the Orange County Fire District for \$570. Motion to pay that from the County General Attorney line item appropriation because it was requested by the Commissioners was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Marshall Noble presented a request to have tracts of land that were divided into a subdivision back to the original purpose. Motion to allow Tucker to prepare the request was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Richard Dixon reported on the JSI appraisal.

Marshall Noble and Steve Hopper discussed how to handle maintenance needs during the transition of the Maintenance director. Auditor Stroud will also help with keeping things operational.

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