

RECORD OF THE MEETING OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA
ON THE 27th DAY OF JULY, 2021 at 9:00 am

Officials present: Commissioners Richard Dixon and Steve Hopper. Also present, County Attorney Lyn Tucker Fullen, 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 July 13th meeting was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Richard Dixon, and carried 2-0.

Sheriff Josh Babcock reported on the Jail activity and that the population was 80.

Carl Anderson, Highway Superintendent, reported on road, mowing, and bridge work. Carl introduced Brent Roberts PE, SE with BF&S Civil Engineers. Brent reported that the County has two bridges that are in need of attention. Bridge #148 (CR 1025 over Bacon Creek) and #28 (CR 500 over Lost River). The County will likely have to apply for federal money to address #28 due to the span and approach. Carl requested permission to approach Council for an additional \$150,000 to do additional paving in all three districts. The County has identified over 3 million in loss revenue do to COVID for 2020, the appropriation could be made from the ARP fund. Motion to allow Carl to approach Council for the appropriation with the recommendation it be from the ARP fund was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Richard Dixon and carried 2-0. Carl reported that 2 of the Community Crossing roads were complete and that the cooperation with the Town of Paoli where the County met the Town was a great success.

Frank Lynd, Orange County Maintenance Director, reported on work completed on the County Complex, Community Center, and Courthouse. The Urinals in the Community Center have been converted to water flush. The HVAC thermostats are being completed in the Complex. The Courthouse will need some work done on a downstairs HVAC unit that was quoted from Mehringer for \$900. Motion to approve the quote for \$900 was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Richard Dixon, and carried 2-0. Frank reported that the HVAC system in the Superior Court was struggling and will need to be replaced. He will have quotes as soon as they become available.

Amie Wilson, Orange County Health Department, presented an agreement with Schneider Geospatial to provide the County Sanitarian with continued editing right to the map layer on the County map. The agreement is for 5 years at \$420 each year. Motion to approve the agreement contingent legal counsel review and approval was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Richard Dixon, and carried 2-0.

Chelsey Lankford, Orange County Economic Development, reported on the job fair that will take place at the Community Center on July 29th at 10am ending at 3pm.

Angie Chastain, Purdue Extension, presented the Commissioners with a financial report of activity at the Community Center. Angie requested help filling the position to clean the upstairs of the Community Center after events. The difficulty of filling the position is that rental runs from 8am till 2am. If the space is rented the following day the cleaning would be done between 2am and 8am. Commissioners requested getting quotes from professional services. Angie also asked about alcohol at events at the Community Center. It is policy that alcohol can only be served by a licensed bar tender with a permit. No sharing alcohol is permitted.

Scott Rutherford, Paoli Town, presented a request to share the cost of decorating the Courthouse Square. It would be \$2,500 for the County to light the poles on the inside of the square. The request was tabled.

County Attorney Lyn Tucker Fullen presented, documents from Garmon and RQAW for signatures from the approval at the last meeting. Lyn requested permission from the Commissioners to prepare the lease agreement with the Community Foundation to continue their lease of the space at the Community Center with no changes. Lyn reported that Tucker Law Office will be preparing an assessment of fees for the Orange County Recorder. This Resolution will allow the Recorder to charge a blanket fee for copies of all documents recorded. Lyn presented information on the 911 CAD agreement presented for review. The first year was \$15,942 and \$10,442 after and through year five. Sheriff commented that the current system is out dated and not supported. Agreement was tabled for review. Lyn reported that the lease agreement with Inliner was not complete. She will reach out to their legal to try to expedite the completion.

Auditor Stroud presented the agreement continuation between the Orange County Tourism and the County Visitor Bureau. Motion to approve the extension of the agreement through December 31, 2022 was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Richard Dixon, and carried 2-0. Stroud presented an agreement with Dossett Consulting to preform the 4-D Cost Allocation Plan for \$3,200 a year for 3 years. motion to approve the consulting agreement with Dossett Consulting was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Richard Dixon, and carried 2-0. Stroud requested clarification on the employee hand book, if a part time employee goes to full time can that employee get the insurance and life insurance without the 90-day probation period? The Commissioners elected to approve on a case-by-case basis. Motion to approve the Treasurer part time person to have benefits once hired as a full-time employee waiving the 90-day probation period was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Richard Dixon and carried 2-0. In conclusion Stroud reported that the County was assessed a penalty of \$73 for late payment from the Unemployment Office that must be paid. The Auditors Office will disputing the penalty and has screen shots to support the dispute.

Steve Hoper requested Frank Lynd to get quotes to seal the parking areas for the Complex. The parking lot west of SE First Street, the parking lot of First Baptist Church, the back parking lot of the Complex, and the parking area for the Sheriff Department. The bid should include crack seal, coating, and lines for parking and handicap access.

Richard Dixon reported that the committee for the ambulance service that serves the county that is provided by IU Health will meeting August 6th at 9:30 to discuss the increase proposed by the Hospital and the expiring agreement.

Upon motion made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Richard Dixon, and carried 2-0, the claims were approved to be signed and the meeting adjourned after signatures.

Orange County Commissioners

Richard Dixon

Steve Hopper

Marshall Noble

Attest: _____
Lonnie Stroud, Auditor – Orange County