

RECORD OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA
ON THE 7th DAY OF APRIL, 2020 at 9:00 am

Officials present: Commissioners Richard Dixon, Marshall Noble, and Steve Hopper. Also present, Sheriff Josh Babcock, Attorney Lyn Tucker Fullen and Auditor Lonnie Stroud.

Auditor Stroud gave prayer and lead in Pledge to the US Flag.

Sheriff Babcock called the meeting to order.

The minutes from April 7th meeting were reviewed. Steve Hopper made the motion to accept the minutes, Marshall Noble seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Babcock reported on Jail population being at 68 and was pleased to report that no illness has been observed in the Jail or with his officers.

Carl Anderson, Orange County Highway Superintendent, reported on the award of the Community Crossing Grant of \$962,613.75. With the County’s portion of the match that will be a total of up to \$1,283.484.93 being put in Orange County roads. The bids for the work are due to be opened April 28th at 9:00. Carl reported that he did need the grant agreement to be reviewed and signed in this meeting. Lyn Tucker Fullen reported that there she reviewed and recommended signing, there was no language that the County could request to be changed. Motion to approve and sign the Community Crossing Grant Agreement was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve hopper, and carried 3-0. The bids that are to be opened on the 28th will need to be reviewed by the engineering firm that the County is using (Clark Dietz) and Tucker Law Office before approval. Carl reported that there is work being done on all the roads that will have Community Crossing funds used on them. The roads that are getting attention are Unionville Rd, Baseline Rd, Valeene Rd, and Johnson Rd. Carl requested that the public be patient with the crews doing this prep and with the inconvenience it may cause. Road mowing and spraying is also ongoing.

Tammie Johnson, Preparedness Coordinator, presented a report of the COVID 19 activities. There have been visits with two factories and a retail establishment by the Health Officer. All issues were resolved. There are donations that continue to be received and handed out. These items are going out to county healthcare workers, first responders, long term healthcare facilities, and funeral homes. Anyone interested in the COVID 19 activities are encouraged to follow that Health Department news releases and Facebook post.

Auditor Stroud reported that the offices were still working half staff with the exception of a few cases were issues needed resolved. Stroud requested that the Commissioners consider revisiting the public access and half staff on May 4th meeting due to the Governor possibly lifting restrictions on May 1st. Commissioners will discuss in the May 4th meeting.

Steve Hopper reported that the Air Conditioning units that are being installed at the Community Center are going well. There have been no major inconveniences reported from the tenants. Renting of the upstairs will remain closed until health emergency is lifted because that area is the County’s Preparedness command center in the event that thing get bad.

Richard Dixon reported that he and Carl Anderson will be having a meeting with the engineering firm that is overseeing the parking lot work at the Community center at 10 am. More information may be available at the next meeting.

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