

RECORD OF THE MEETING OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA
ON THE 28th DAY OF JULY, 2020 at 9:00 am

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

Auditor Stroud gave prayer and Richard Dixon lead in the pledge to the Flag.

Sheriff Babcock called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Motion to approve the minutes from July 14th meeting was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble and carried 3-0.

Sheriff Babcock gave Sheriff/Jail report. Population has been running in the 80’s and he has started getting quotes for the fencing around the sheriff vehicle area.

Carl Anderson, Orange County Highway Superintendent, gave county wide report on road work being completed.

Rick Emerick. Orange County EMA, reported on the salary grant application and requested permission to file. Motion to approve the application for the match grant for the EMA salary was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Rick requested permission to look into grant opportunities for a new EMA laptop. Motion to approve Rick to look into opportunities to present to the Commissioners was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Rick concluded with reporting that the EMA’s office has continued to distribute PPE from the Department of Homeland Security and has worked with the Preparedness and Health Department during the Health Emergency.

Billie Deel, requested that some old card file cabinets be deemed of no value so they can be discarded to scrap. Motion to deem old cabinets in the Treasures office of no value was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Beth Jones, County Clerk, reported on the Fire Eye program for voter security. The agreement was reviewed by the county IT and Tucker Law Office and found to be acceptable. Motion to approve Richard Dixon to sign was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Amy Wilson, Health Department Vital Records, presented request to reappoint Dr. Scott Coble and Dr. Dan Obrien to continue on the Health Board. Motion to approve the two appointments to the 4-year terms was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Ronnie McCabe, acting Fire Board President, reported on the state of the Orange County Fire Board. The last meeting was held yesterday and there were not enough members for a quorum. Richard Dixon requested that the Commissioners be given updates to the status of the Fire Board. The by-laws are needing to be addresses to accommodate the appointment of a Commissioner’s appointment and allow the Treasurer of the Fire Board be given a stipend. Ronnie reported that CJ Fleenor and Vanessa Patton were both willing to serve once the by-laws were updated. Richard requested that the EMA Rick Emerick be appointed to represent the Commissioners. The issue will be addressed in the next public meeting August 7th if the by-laws are updated Tucker Law office to prepare new by-laws for the next public meeting if possible.

Tammie Johnson, Preparedness Coordinator, Presented the contractor contract to do the Preparedness Coordinator for the county. Motion to approve the Contract contingent review of Tucker law office was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble and carried 3-0. Tammie presented written report of activities of the Health Department and Preparedness during the Health Emergency.

JC Tucker, County Attorney, presented the Governors order on mask and reported that it was noteworthy that the Commissioners could enact more stringent requirements but recommended against it.

Lonnie Stroud, Orange County Auditor, presented the request from the Prosecutor’s office to grant the 15 days additional maternity leave to an employee in that office. Motion to approve request was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Stroud presented the Drug Policy with changes to the time for reporting convictions or arrest be signed (policy was approved in last meeting).

Steve Hoper reported that there was a lightning strike at the Community Center that has been addressed.

Marshal Noble requested who would permit building in a flood plain. Rick Emerick is the Flood plain coordinator for the County and would be where the process would start.

Garland Eubank, 911, reported that work on addresses was continuing and that she will be issuing a PSA on the text 911 feature that is available in the County.

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

Orange County Commissioners

Richard Dixon

Steve Hopper

Attest: _____
Lonnie Stroud, Auditor – Orange County

Marshall Noble