

RECORD OF THE MEETING OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA
ON THE 10th DAY OF AUGUST, 2021 at 9:00 am

Officials present: Commissioners Richard Dixon and Steve Hopper. Also present, County Attorney JC Tucker, 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 27th meeting was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Sheriff Josh Babcock reported on monthly stats and that the population was 78 at the time of the meeting.

Carl Anderson, Highway Superintendent, reported on road work completed and future work planned. Carl requested permission to ask for additional appropriation to address the two bridges sited in the bridge inspection report that was presented at the last meeting. Carl will request for the replacement cost (TBD) for bridge #148 located on Walton Hollow Rd. Carl will request a repair appropriation for the larger bridge # 28 over Lost River to have a temporary fix and apply for Federal funding (80-20 match) that would take approximately 5 years to receive. Motion to approve Carl to move forward with quoting and request for additional appropriation request from Council was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Rick Emerick, EMA, reported on work on the EMA salary reimbursement grant and completeive grant (EMPG). Rick reported on plans for an exercise with the US Forrest Service in the event of a dam failure at Tucker Lake.

Frank Lynd, Orange County Maintenance Director, reported on building upgrades and repairs. Frank provided the Commissioners with some quotes that were requested for review.

Sandy Hill, Orange County Recorder, presented information on ordinance establishing a way to provide bulk form copies, ordinance requiring watermarking bulk forms, and a bulk user agreement. Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-04 Establishing the Manner and Form in which the Recorder May Provide Bulk Form Copies to a Bulk User was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-05 Requiring the Recorder to Watermark Bulk Forms was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Motion to approve the Bulk User Agreement to be signed by Sandy Hill was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Tammie Johnson, Preparedness Coordinator, presented the Commissioners with Covid update, update on the 2021-2022 Preparedness Grant, and planned training with the Orange County Health Department.

Valerie Moon, Orange County Transit, presented the quarterly report and claim for review and approval. Motion to approve the 2nd quarter transit claim was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Clint Deck, Purdue Educator, reported on Extension activities and that the County was well represented at the Indiana State Fair. Clint reported that the Extension would like to build on this year’s success and make the County Fair larger next year with a possible midway. Clint reported that there is a drainage issue at the County Fair Grounds that will require attention in the future. Richard asked about participation in 4-H. Clint reported that projects were down but the number of families that participate are relatively the same.

Trisha Werner, Security Automation Systems, introduced herself and presented the Commissioners with contact information. Her firm works with RQAW to provide security solutions for jails.

County Attorney JC Tucker presented the Lease Agreement with Community Foundation for continuation of their lease at the Community Building. The rent amount remains the same for the 5-year period beginning January 1, 2022 at \$1,810. Motion to approve the lease agreement with the Community Foundation was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. JC presented the Resolution 2021-13 Authorizing the President of the Orange County Commissioners to Sign Documents for Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant Agreements. Motion to approve Resolution 2021-13 was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Auditor Stroud reported that he would be working with Tucker Law office to prepare the reports for the American Relief Plan, The Committee on the salary study met and Marshall will have a recommendation for the Commissioners to consider. Stroud reported that the budget was published on time for the Council to receive at the scheduled Hearing date of August 19th at 5:00. The County will make some additional cuts to the budget even though the budget is funded. Marshall Noble asked Auditor Stroud about a portion of the ARP funding being used for a water project in Prospect. Stroud reported that there would need to be a detailed plan submitted to the Treasury for review. To use the money in that way.

Marshall Noble presented the Commissioners with a proposal from Patoka Water Board to apply for a grant with IDEM Office of Water Quality. The grant will address promoting watershed programs and events, connecting watershed coordinator with landowners, stakeholders, and potential community partners, providing input and guidance through involvement with the Patoka Lake Watershed Committee, and Offering financial and volunteer support through county organization such as the Solid Waste District. The annual cost to the County would be \$1,000. Motion to approve letter of support was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Marshall presented the suggestion of the Salary Committee for the Council to approve the salary study average wage for positions that were lower than the average, 3 percent quotient wage increase for full time positions, 5% increase to part time, and longevity pay of \$100 per year of service (up to 20 years). Motion to approve sending the recommendation to Council was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Richard Dixon reported on meeting with committee on ambulance service in Orange County. There will be a meeting with IU Health August 20th to discuss the service contract. Richard also reported that there will be a kickoff meeting with the consultants on the future jail on August 20th at 9:00.

Upon motion made by Steve Hopper, seconded Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0, 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