

RECORD OF THE MEETING OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA
ON THE 3rd DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020 at 9:00 am

Officials present: Commissioners Richard Dixon, Steve Hopper, and Marshal Noble. Also present, 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 as written from October 20th meeting was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Sheriff reported that the Jail population is at 87.

Carl Anderson, Highway Superintendent, reported on road work and bridge repairs across the county.

Rick Emerick, EMA, reported 2020 Orange County Readiness Assessment has been completed and that the EMPG Salary Grant was approved. Motion to allow Richard Dixon to sign the grant award when it is ready was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. The County size does not allow for 50% reimbursement but there is other funding that may be available to supplement.

Brian Hawkins, Wolf Contracting, reported that he has sold his solid waste transfer business to Rumpke Waste and Recycling Services. Brian introduced Daren Rainbolt as the representative for our area.

Caleb Moffit, Orange County Highway, requested an executive session to discuss his position. No action taken.

Valery Moon, Orange County Transit, presented a report on the quarter claim for review and signature. Motion to approve the 2021 Cares Act grant funding request was made by Marshal Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Valery reported that Crystal Mattingly will be the new Transportation Director for the Orange County Transit.

Krystal Painter. OCEDP, reported on the Phase II Grant are signed and ready for checks to be cut. The Auditor has the grant agreements and the reporting forms to be sent with the checks. Those checks will be cut on Wednesday and mailed once recipient information is verified.

Auditor Stroud presented Resolution 2020-07 allowing a onetime payroll reimbursement with CARES Act funding. Stroud reported the grant money will be deposited into the County General fund once received. Motion to approve the resolution was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Stroud reported that the county had experienced a server crash and will have to replace with an updated server. This cost could reach \$75,000 for just that hardware and then there will need to be licensing provided with that hardware. Stroud requested a deviation from the County Policy to allow a one-time pay out of comp time for Frank Lynd that is changing departments. Also, the approval to pay out in lump sum the accumulated vacation and personal time Steve Wells had accumulated. Motion to approve the Comp time payout to Frank Lynd was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Motion to pay out Steve Wells one lumps sum for vacation and personal time was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Stroud presented that the milage rate for the state of Indiana had changed on March 1st to 0.39 per mile. Motion to approve the rate increase effective March 1st was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Richard Dixon requested information on how items are ordered for the County Maintenance Department. Also, if there was a computer for the new Maintenance Director. Stroud reported that the Commissioners could approve the purchase of the Computer from Cumulative Capital funds and that the County had accounts from local hardware stores that billed the Auditor’s office. In some cases, in emergency or specially items the Auditor’s credit card was used to make the purchase. Richard requested that Commissioner Steve Hopper meet with the new Director Frank Lynd and present a plan of what would be needed for purchasing, phone, and computer for the next meeting.

Marshall Noble reported that there was an agreement with Smithville for the approved plan of a 50-year lease at \$7500 and internet service to the Community Building. Marshall included that the Community Foundation is willing to help address inside connection in their offices. Marshal concluded with reporting on negotiations with JA Benefits, the County has secured a flat health insurance rate increase for 18 months0. Neither the County or employees will see any additional cost. Also, the County will be able to pass on better dental and vision coverage with less cost. Carl Anderson commended the work Marshall put into the negotiations. Motion to approve the insurance agreements for Health, Dental and Vision was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall noble and carried 3-0.

Steve Hopper made a request for the family of Steve Wells to be able to plant a memorial tree on the Courthouse Green. There will also be a plaque placed near the tree commemorating Steve Well’s service to the County. Steve concluded by thanking Brian Hawkins for the many years of solid waste transfer for the county.

Richard Dixon reported on the JSI appraisal. No appraisal has been received yet.

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