

RECORD OF THE MEETING OF THE  
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE  
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA  
ON THE 17th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020 at 9:00 am

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

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

Sheriff Babcock called meeting to order.

Motion to approve the minutes as written from November 3rd meeting was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble and carried 3-0.

Sheriff gave stats and reported that the Jail population is at 82. Sheriff Babcock presented Frank Lynd with a plaque and thanked him for the years of service as Jail Commander. Sheriff Babcock requested permission to retire Frank’s service weapon with Frank as well. Motion to allow the retirement to Frank was made by Richard Dixon, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Sheriff introduced Joseph Gehl as the new Jail Commander.

Carl Anderson, Highway Superintendent, reported on road work throughout the County. Carl reported that he is working on updating the Counties Asset Management Plan. This has to be approved by December 1<sup>st</sup>. There is also preparation for the next round of Community Crossing Grant in January. There is damage from heavy equipment from logging operations near or on county roads. The continuous heavy loads are damaging smaller county roads. Discussion on possible bonding or ordinances that address damage caused by these types of operations, Carl to work with Tucker Law Office. In conclusion Carl reported on some special training on snow removal for the upcoming year.

Tammie Johnson, Preparedness Coordinator, reported on COVID-19 vaccinee progress and that the IU Hospital is working on a vaccination plan. It is believed that vaccinee will be released withing the next 2-3 weeks for medical professionals first, then high-risk patients, and finally the general public. Tammie requested that the Community Center reservations be blocked off for a distribution center for the County vaccination site. There will be less than 24-hour notice when the county will receive the vaccine and distribution begins. The first round will likely be an ultra-cold storage vaccine and will need special storage. There may be a second-round dose 2-3 weeks after the first that the Health Department may be helping administer.

Melanie Radcliff-Douglas, Commonwealth Engineers, introduced herself and presented contact information.

JC Tucker, County Attorney, presented the Solid Waste interlocal agreement that was approved in the previous Solid Waste Board meeting. Motion to approve the agreement was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hoper, and carried 3-0. JC presented a request to vacate tracts from the Lightner Lane Subdivision. Motion to approve the tracts 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10A, and 10B to be vacated from the Lightner Lane Subdivision was made by Marshal Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. JC presented a detour agreement from IDOT. County Highway Superintendent Carl Anderson will determine the detour rout to be used and the County will receive reimbursement for damage to the county road during the detour period. Motion to accept the memo of understanding was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. JC presented an addendum for the Phase 2 COVID Relief Grant. By random selection Bliss Spa and Boutique who will receive \$0.19 to zero out the grant fund. Motion to approve the addendum to allow the grant fund to be zeroed was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. JC presented the Purdue Extension services agreement with the county. There are now three educators that are contracted. Richard requested that the Commissioners be provided with a report on how this has benefited the county before signing the agreement. Agreement was tabled. JC presented the contract for attorney services. The rate will be increased from \$120 to \$150 an hour. Motion to approve the contract agreement for services was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Auditor Stroud presented quotes for the replacement of the crashed server for the County Complex. The low bid was from Kinetic Networks for \$83,850. Motion to approve the quote pending Council appropriation was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Stroud presented a request to replace two of the water fountains with touchless fountains. Motion to proceed with replacing the two fountains with no touch fountains was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Clarification that that the landscaping approved and done on the Courthouse lawn will be paid from Cumulative Capital Development. Region 15 requested appointments to their board. Motion to reappoint Marshall Noble and Carl Anderson to the same positions was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Richard Dixon, and carried 3-0. Stroud reported the closure of the County Complex and the Courthouse on November 16<sup>th</sup>. This will last till November 30<sup>th</sup>, reopening the Monday after Thanksgiving. Motion to approve the closure retroactive was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Stroud presented the 2021 Holiday schedule. Motion to approve the 14 days (there are no election dates) was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Marshall Noble requested that there be a stipend considered for the Health Department. \$1000 for the Health Nurse, \$500 for each of the other 3 employees. This appropriation would be considered from Casino funds. Motion to approve the stipend contingent Council appropriating was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Steve Hopper reiterated that social distancing in the County offices is very important. Employees are to maintain social distancing at all times.

Richard Dixon requested information on the vaccine be provided once it is available. There is a lot of concern in the public about side effects. Richard also reported that the County will be have in an executive session to discuss the purchase of County property on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

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