

RECORD OF THE MEETING OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE
MEETING ROOM, PAOLI, INDIANA
ON THE 15th DAY OF DECEMBER, 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 December 1st was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble and carried 3-0.

Sheriff gave stats and reported that the Jail population is running around 80. Sheriff reported system that allows online and remote visitation of inmates.

Carl Anderson, Highway Superintendent, gave email report to the Commissioners on highway activity.

Frank Lynd, Orange County Maintenance Director, reported on work being preformed in the County Complex, Courthouse, Highway Garage, and Community Center. Permission to sell the gas stove that was at the Community Center kitchen. Motion to approve the sale of the old commercial stove (as is) with a minimum bid of \$200 was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Garland Eubank, 911 Director, presented the annual agreement with Frontier for 911 services. The price remains the same. Motion to approve the agreement was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. Garland concluded with a report of the activities related to the Sheriff department’s work with Clothe-A-Child.

Tammie Johnson, Preparedness Coordinator, thanked the Commissioners for the use of the Community Center Building for the vaccination clinic, it may be a longer term than originally thought. Tammie also reported that the Health Department is trying to get grant money but may need money from the county to by equipment for the vaccination POD’s. Richard commented that the County may have to move the vaccination site to a different location after the first of the year once the alternative site is available.

Linda Reynolds, Orange County Assessor, presented an agreement for Professional Property Tax Services. Motion to approve the agreement with the rate of \$175 an hour was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

At 9:30 am JC Tucker presented the sealed bids for the retired solid waste transfer site building. The winning bid was Zeke Allstott for \$1000. Motion to accept the winning bid was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. JC reported on the easement located near the Community Center to Smithville Fiber. The agreement with the 4-H Extension on a sight right of way was completed and the agreement for \$7500 for 50 years, hot spot near the building for students, and service for the Community Center Building. The agreement will also give the residents of Paoli another high-speed option for internet. Motion to approve the final location and agreement was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. JC reported on the sales agreement with JSI. There are a few things that are being considered in the sales agreement for revision. The County will need to sign for bond counsel once the purchase agreement is approved. Peters Municipal is the proposed bond counsel for the County.

Auditor Stroud presented the Casino request form to approve the stipend for the Health Department. Motion to approve and sign request was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Stroud presented the meeting dates for 2021. The meeting days will be every other Tuesday at 9:00 in the Commissioners meeting room. The third Tuesday will not be public. Motion to approve the meeting dates was made Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Nobel, and carried 3-0.

Richard Dixon presented question on the use of the ultraviolet light usage. Stroud will send out an email directing each office to get an employee certified to operate the machine and run it at least once a week in each office. The night janitor will be directed to run the light in a public restroom each night.

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