

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

Officials present: Commissioners Richard Dixon, Steve Hopper, and Marshal Noble. 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 as written from January 26th was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Sheriff Babcock reported January stats. Sheriff also reported that the County K-9 unit was leaving the county. Sheriff requested permission to pay out earned K-9 maintenance comp time be paid out to the officer that earned the time. The money will be receipted into the county LIT Public Safety fund from the Sheriff K-9 donation fund and paid out to the employee. Motion to allow pay out of earned comp time to the K-9 officer in lump sum, deviating from county employee policy, was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Valerie Moon, Orange County Transit, presented the 5311 Transit claim for the 4th quarter (2nd quarter of COVID Cares Act Funding) for review and approval. Motion to approve and sign the claim was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0. Valerie also presented the activity report for the Orange County Transit and described some COVID safety precautions that are in place for passengers and drivers.

Angie Chastain, Orange County Extension, reported that the heat in the lower level of the Community Center was out. The County will be looking at a new service provider away from Johnson Control. The unit was just over a year old and out of warranty for both parts and labor. There was discussion on the snow removal for the Community Center going forward and that the same contactor used for the complex could be used by the Community Center as well.

JC Tucker, County Attorney, presented the bids for the grant administrator of the Phase 3 COVID Response. The only bidder was Region 15 Planning Commission at \$6,250. Motion to accept Region 15 as the grant administrator was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. It was noted for the record that Marshall Noble serves on the Region 15 Board but has no financial gain. The grant will be for \$250,000 possible and will be marked for 60 Economic Development and 40 Public Service. There are 10 units that would qualify as a Public Service. JC reported that the Phase 2 environmental was looking good and no issues are believed to be reported on the JSI property that the County is purchasing. JC presented a letter of engagement from Peter's Municipal. Motion to approve the engagement with Peter's Municipal for revenue bond at \$10,000. Motion to approve the engagement was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. JC reported that he requests the County Surveyor to examine the property. Motion to approve JC's request, to request the County Surveyor survey the property was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0. JC presented a letter of authorization allowing Ritter Strategic Services to work with Indiana Statewide 911 Board to receive information related to 911 call delivery services and cost for Orange County. Motion to approve the letter of authorization was made by Marshall Noble, seconded by Steve Hopper, and carried 3-0.

Auditor Stroud reported that the County Highway received a safety grant allowing for safety equipment purchase. The amount \$6,480 was received through Busick Insurance, from Indiana Public Employers Plan. The County also received the Phase 2 COVID-19 Relief reimbursement that was paid out to local businesses for \$250,000.

Marshall Noble reported that there was a slight accident with a County Highway truck but no injuries were reported.

Steve Hopper presented Heather Ross as an appointment to the County Visitors Bureau. Motion to appoint Heather to the position was made by Steve Hopper, seconded by Marshall Noble, and carried 3-0.

Richard requested caution during the upcoming weather events that may cause dangerous driving conditions.

With no further business to discuss the motion to sign claims and 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