

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting
January 2, 2018

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana. All Commissioners were in attendance as well as Auditor Wagner.

Superintendent Toops provided the commissioners with a new employee, Mr. Tom Rueter to start 1-15-2018. Commissioner Linville moved to hire him with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

The oil emulsion bids were discussed for clarification.

Foreman Kissell questioned if the commissioners wished him to spec the 3 single axle dump trucks for 2018 and he was advised to do so.

With no further business to attend, Commissioner Stratton moved to recess to the annex. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Stratton moved to reconvene the meeting with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes and Commissioner Stutler opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag. Commissioners Stutler, Linville, Stratton, County Attorney Ertel, and Auditor Wagner were in attendance.

Veterans—Mr. Ken Hylton

Mr. Hylton discussed making the secretary position a full time position to keep the office open the entire week to serve the veterans.

Maintenance—Mr. John Lohrum

Mr. Lohrum advised the boiler at the courthouse was being repaired and the hot water heater as well.

Health Department—Ms. Holley Rose

Ms. Rose advised Dr. Jim Hollis was leaving the Health Board as he was moving out of state.

Also she requested that Ms. Lynn Fledderman be reappointed to the Health Board by the commissioners. Commissioner Stratton moved to reappoint Ms. Fledderman with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

The following appointments were presented for 2018:

County Attorney-----	Mr. John Ertel
Maintenance-----	Mr. John Lohrum
Housekeeping-----	Mr. Rick Bushhorn (annex) Ms. Becky Mullins (courthouse)
Building Inspector-----	Mr. Dwight Bauman

Highway Superintendent-----	Mr. Ray Toops
Highway Secretary-----	Ms. Robin Stegemiller
Highway Mechanic Foreman-----	Mr. Pat Kissell
Highway District 1 Foreman-----	Mr. Meredith Huntington
Highway District 2 Foreman-----	Mr. Bob DeBurger
Highway District 3 Foreman-----	Mr. Dave Brunner
Director Health Department-----	Ms. Holley Rose
Health Registrar-----	Ms. Amy Watson
Technology Coordinator-----	Ms. Kelly Vollet
EMA & ADA Director-----	Mr. Patrick Rose
EMS Director-----	Mr. Scott Huffman
Building & Planning Secretary-----	Deferred to Planning Commission Board and Executive Director

Commissioner Linville moved to accept the above appointments with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Sheriff—Sheriff Cumberworth

Sheriff Cumberworth advised the commissioners about a new jail officer, Mr. Bradley Dillion.

A representative from Dunlap General and Mechanical Contractors presented the commissioners with an update of the AC/Heat units on the roof of the jail. A replacement program will be considered for the 2019 budget cycle.

Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet

Ms. Vollet advised ETC had the phone system up and running. They were working on installing caller ID.

BID Awards for 2018:

The Oil Emulsion Bids were reviewed and discussed. Commissioner Linville moved to accept the bid from Asphalt Materials. Commissioner Stratton seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Linville then moved to accept bids from the following as presented with the exception of WinnSupply as they did not meet the bid specs. Commissioner Stratton seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

STONE:

US Aggregates, Hansen Aggregates, New Point Stone

ASPHALT: Ready mix picked up

Dave O'Mara, Hot Mix, Inc., Paul H. Rohe Co, Inc., Globe Asphalt and Paving Co. Inc.

ASPHALT: Laid

Dave O'Mara, Paul H. Rohe Co. Inc., Globe Asphalt and Paving Co. Inc.

READY MIX CONCRETE:

Raver Ready Mix

CULVERTS:

Civil Con, E3Bridge

BRIDGE/DECKING:

E&H Bridge & Grating Inc., Civil Con, E3Bridge

The commissioners then considered the request to appoint Mr. Scott Stutler to the Friendship Regional Sewer District Board. Commissioner Linville moved to appoint Mr. Scott Stutler with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Town of Holton—Ms. Amber May

Ms. May requested permission from the commissioners to advertise the Town of Holton's used police vehicle on the county auction website. The unit would be noted that the county did not own it and to contact Holton for additional information. Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

BREAK 9:18:00

Commissioner Stutler brought up the issue of comp time being used for employees prior to the start of the work day at 8:00 am and the mileage to and from the post office and various banks. After discussion Auditor Wagner was instructed to obtain GPS distances from the annex and courthouse to the post office and various banks and use that amount for mileage claims. Also mileage claims would need to be completely filled out with the specific bank etc that was used for the claim. Also he was instructed by the commissioners to provide them with documentation of comp time in excess of the normal work week that was turned in by the offices.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2017 along with the claims. Commissioner Stratton seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

The Commissioners signed the Payroll Vouchers, Claim Vouchers, and Claims being paid from the commissioners' budget.

The commissioners, local law enforcement, and the Sheriff Office posed for a picture for the grant they had received to help with radios.

With no other business to attend, Commissioner Linville moved to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

_____ Gary Stutler

_____ Rodney Stratton

_____ Robert Linville

Attest: _____ William Lee Wagner—Ripley County Auditor