

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

January 2, 2019

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 8:00 a.m. Monday, January 2, 2019 at the Ripley County Annex Building, Versailles, Indiana. All Commissioners were in attendance as well as Auditor Copeland.

Commissioner Stutler opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag. Commissioners Stutler, Horstman, Stratton, Auditor Copeland, and County Attorney Ertel were in attendance.

Commissioner Stutler asked to step down as the president of the board. Commissioner Horstman made the motion to nominate Commissioner Stratton to be the president of the board, Commissioner Stutler 2nd. The motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Stratton wants all commissioners to sign what needs to be signed not just the president. Commissioner Stratton stated that he understands that emergencies come up and the president can sign if need to be.

Maintenance—Johnnie Lohrum

Mr. Lohrum was present talked about the awning for the doors at the courthouse, but no decisions has been made. Commissioner Stratton wants Mr. Lohrum to talked to the historical society.

Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet

Ms. Vollet advised the commissioners that the new Auditor and Treasurer were ready to go in their offices. Ms. Vollet will be ordering Commissioner Horstman a cell phone today. Ms. Vollet also will be calling Robert Linville, outgoing commissioner, to bring his keys and cell phone back to the county.

EMA

Patrick Rose gave his resignation effective December 24, 2018. Commissioner Stratton wants the EMA/ADA job posted internally. Doug Cook from Homeland Security was present at the meeting and wanted the commissioners to know that EMA Director is normally a full time position. The position can also get 50% of the salary paid back by a federal grant. They have requested that we need to find out who all is on the EMA Board and any info that we can.

Sheriff—Mr. Jeff Cumberworth

Sheriff Cumberworth just gave an update on what is going to be done this year. The Sheriff Department Jail is having 2 new air conditioners put in and some welding going to be done in the jail also. Sheriff Cumberworth also asked what

was going to be done with the EMA space below his office. Wondered if EMA could be moved and the Sheriff's office have the space the EMA is in. The Commissioners stated they would take it under consideration.

Prosecutor – Mr. Ric Hertel

Mr. Hertel had a deputy prosecutor resign, has been doing interviews and narrowed down to 2 people. Wants to be able to hire when decides which one he wants.

County Attorney stated do not have to have permission to hire.

Auditor Copeland stated that you do not have to have permission to hire, but just bring in the paperwork with name on it so the Commissioners know that the nepotism law isn't broke.

EMS – Mr. Scott Huffman

Commissioner Stratton talked to Mr. Huffman about putting a gas tank at the Milan location. Wanted to know the amount of gallons of fuel he thought he would use in a monthly basis. Mr. Huffman told them about 600 gallon. Mr. Huffman brought in the contract for the billing company Medicount. Mr. Huffman stated that Ripley County was in the top 5% of the company. Commissioner Stutler made the motion to accept the contract with the change made to stay Indiana and not Ohio, Commissioner Horstman^{2nd} the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes. Mr. Huffman is going to bring Auditor Copeland a copy of the signed contract.

Mr. Huffman also wanted to make the Commissioners aware that Rescue 69 lost their certification from October 1 – December 19, 2018. The EMS had to cover the building for a 6 hour period of time with one run. They talked about holding their contractual payment for breach of contract, but want to review the contract first before the check goes out.

Mr. Jason Smith, made the commissioners aware that Ripley County has become a Indiana Certification EMS training institute. All county employees will receive their training from the budget, but non county employees will have to pay to offset the cost.

Mr. Huffman also made the commissioners aware that they received a \$20,000.00 grant from the Rising Sun Regional Foundation.

Verteran's Office – Mr. Ken Hylton

Mr. Hylton stated that Ben Layton is moving so is resigning the deputy position. Mr. Andrew Adams will be replacing Mr. Layton. Mr. Adams already works part time for the park and is a reserve deputy officer. Mr. Layton will be training Mr. Adams for a few days. Mr. Adams will be working 4 days instead of 3 days.

911 Coordinator – Ms. Leah Hildebrand

Ms. Hildebrand wanted the Commissioners to know that they know longer have a therapy dog. Ms. Hildebrand stated she would be fine with the Sheriff being in the EMA room. Commissioners were just asking for her opinion. Ms. Hildebrand was worried about the Cincinnati Hazmat Team.

Highway Department – Mr. Ray Toops

Mr. Toops wants to be put on the Commissioners schedule for 9:30am every meeting. INDOT sent email, have to take 50% of MVH fund and break it down into a subfund. INDOT implemented this about 12 days ago. This includes labor, materials and contract work.

Bids for 2019

Bridge and Culverts: Accept bids from E&N&H, E3 Bridge and Civil-Com, Inc

Concrete: Accept bids from Raver Concrete

Fuel & lub: Accept bids from Laughery Valley Ag

Liquid Bituminous: Accept bids from Marathon for RS2, AE90, and AE150.

Reject Bids from Terry Material and Asphalt Material for RS2, AE 90 and AE150.

Accept a bid from Terry Material for AEPL. Accept the bid from Asphalt Material for APME.

Stone: Accept the bid from New Point Stone and Hanson Aggregates.

Commissioner Horstman made the motion to accept the bids and Commissioner Stutler 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3 yes.

Laughery Valley Ag attended the meeting talked about the fixed rate and the escalating and non-escalating. Motion was made to accept the proposed rate at 80% fixed and 20% escalating and non-escalating by Commissioner Horstman and Commissioner Stutler 2nd the motion. Motion passed with 3 yes. The diesel off road 25,000 gallon at \$2.0120 gallon, diesel on road 30,000 gallon at \$2.4890 gallon, and gasoline 44,000 gallon at \$1.9042 gallon.

Commissioner Horstman made the motion for Commissioner Stratton to sign the contract when finished, Commissioner Stutler 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3 yes.

2019 Commissioner Appointments:

Commissioner Hortsman made a motion to resend the motion that appointed the appointees at the last commissioner meeting. Commissioner Stratton 2nd the motion. Motion passed with 2 yes and 1 no.

Commissioner Hortsman made a motion to approve the appointments below and Commissioner Stratton 2nd the motion. Motion passed 2 yes and 1 no.

Appointments:

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

Health Department Director—Ms. Holley Rose

Health Registrar—Ms. Charlene Keck

Technology Director—Ms. Kelly Vollet

Building and Planning Secretary—Deferred to Planning Commission Board and Executive Director

Commissioner Hortsman made the motion to approve the appointments of appointees on the 1st meeting of the year in January every year. Commissioner Stratton 2nd the motion. Motion passed 2 yes and 1 no.

Treasurer – Ms. Cathy Volz

Ms. Volz came to the commissioners to see if they would buy a new fax machine for her. Ms. Volz had one bid and the commissioners wanted her to get another bid before they made a decision.

Commission Horstman made the motion for Barry Lauber& Brenda Wetzler to be appointed for the Ripley County Redevelopment Commission for the year 2019, Commissioner Stutler 2nd the motion. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Auditor Copeland presented the commissioners with the minutes of the December 17, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Stutler moved to approve with a second from Commissioner Horstman. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Stutler moved to approve the claims with a second from Commissioner Horstman. Motion passed with 3 yes.

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

With no further business to attend, Commissioner Stutler moved to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Horstman. Motion passed with 3 yes.

_____ Rodney Stratton, President

_____ Gary Stutler

_____ Mark Horstman

Assts: _____ Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor