

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting  
January 4, 2016

The Commissioners meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m., Monday, January 4, 2016 at the Ripley County Highway Department, Osgood, Indiana.

Commissioners Stutler, Busching and Linville were present as well as the Highway Superintendent, Jr. Heaton, 3 District Supervisors, the Mechanic Supervisor and Auditor Wagner. President Stutler called the meeting to order.

The commissioners discussed the random drug testing at the highway garage. Commissioner Busching moved to remain with the current procedure of testing 10% at each test. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes. Next they discussed filling the salt building to make sure there are enough reserves. They agreed to do this subject to funds availability.

With no further business to discuss Commissioner Busching moved to recess to the annex meeting room. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Busching moved to reconvene with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed and the meeting was called to order with the pledge to the flag.

**Maintenance—Mr. Johnnie Lohrum**

Mr. Lohrum advised the hot water pump in the annex had been replaced. Commissioner Linville moved to continue with Negangard Enterprises clearing the parking lot to the annex. Commissioner Busching seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

**EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose 8:05:33**

Mr. Rose advised a time for a meeting to review the emergency plan for the continuation of government would need to be scheduled and he would advise.

**Sheriff Department—Sheriff Jeff Cumberworth 8:40:00**

Sheriff Cumberworth advised the Integrator batteries were not working. Commissioner Linville moved to take the cost from the Jail budget with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes.

He also provided the commissioners with a quote to consider replacing jail lighting with LED. Commissioner Busching moved to take under advisement with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Also the hot water heater at the jail is not working properly and QPH advised it was not burning efficiently. QPH is obtaining the cost to rebuild and replace to have an option for the commissioners to consider.

**BREAK 8:54:33**

**EMS—Mr. Jim Corbin 9:06:48**

Mr. Corbin advised Sunman Rescue 20 did not make runs over the holidays and the county EMS had to cover those runs for them. He stated this has happened before. Also at this time he is not sure who is in charge for the Rescue unit and will be contacting them.

Mr. Rick Stephens was present and advised the commissioners the President for Rescue 30 is now Mr. David Voss and the vice president is Mr. Paul Hildebrand. Rescue 30 is still working with Medicount on billing reconciliation and all is going smoothly.

Sheriff Cumberworth re-appeared before the commissioners to report an issue with the Community Mental Health Center at Lawrenceburg that is funded by Ripley County as well as surrounding counties. He stated he had served a court order to pick up an individual and took them to the center. The center stated they did not meet the criteria for them to accept and turned them away. This individual then called 911 and provided a false report of a shooting and were picked up and taken to the center again. This time the individual tested positive for Meth use and the center would not accept them again and the individual was taken to Columbus which accepted them to be treated.

Attorney Ertel requested Sheriff Cumberworth provide details so he could address them with the Community Mental Health Center.

**Health Dept.—Ms. Vicky Powell 9:56:17**

Ms. Powell presented the commissioners with a re-appointment request for Dr. Steven R. Stein to the County Board of Health. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Auditor Wagner presented the commissioners with a request from Southeastern Indiana Recycling District to re-appoint Ms. Melissa Baker to the advisory board. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

The Commissioners then revisited the Municipal representative needed for the Southeastern Indiana Recycling District. The request sent previously stated the districts bylaws stated the representative could be from a municipality in the county Commissioner Busching moved to re-appoint Ms. Dee Holiday with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2015 meeting with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the claims to be paid from the commissioners' budget with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioners signed the payroll sheets and claim vouchers as well.

With no further business to attend to Commissioner Busching moved to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

\_\_\_\_\_ Gary Stutler

\_\_\_\_\_ Mark Busching

\_\_\_\_\_ Robert Linville

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ William Lee Wagner, Auditor Ripley County