

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting  
January 13, 2017

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m., Friday January 13, 2017 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana.

Commissioners Stutler and Stratton were present as well as Auditor Wagner. Commissioner Linville was absent due to surgery.

Highway Superintendent Ray Toops discussed the road funding grant and purchasing trucks in 2017. He stated LTAP has all the paperwork needed for INDOT for the road funding grant and is to advise if any additional information is needed.

Mr. Dave Franklin requested 1 week unpaid leave of absence July 10 through July 14, 2017.

Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed with 2 yes.

Foreman Kissell discussed the need for tandem dump trucks. There are several that need replaced and 3 would be disposed of when the new trucks are received.

With no further business to attend, Commissioner Stratton moved to recess to the annex. Commissioner Stutler seconded and the motion passed with 2 yes.

Commissioner Stratton moved to reconvene the meeting with a second from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed with 2 yes and Commissioner Stutler opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag. Commissioner Stutler and Stratton were present as well as Auditor Wagner and County Attorney Ertel.

**Probation—Mr. Shannon Schmaltz**

Mr. Schmaltz requested permission from the commissioners to hang a monitor in the hall of the courthouse to display the court services schedule. The commissioners advised they had no problem with this.

**Maintenance—Mr. John Lohrum 8:10:56**

Mr. Lohrum advised the EMS ceiling repair is finished. He also advised the pipes in the courthouse need to be re-wrapped to stop the sweating and dripping on the ceiling tiles. He is to obtain a quote for this operation.

**Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet**

Ms. Vollet discussed the issue of Open Control Systems not providing the county with notification of issues with the heat and air systems in the annex. She was to contact them to obtain their response.

She also advised a key signed out by Jerri Thayer from the Recorder's office had not been turned and evidently had been lost.

**Clerk—Ms. Ginger Bradford 8:21:00**

Ms. Bradford discussed the plan design for the new offices in the annex with the commissioners.

**Sheriff—Sheriff Jeff Cumberworth 9:01:27**

Sheriff Cumberworth was given the contract for Medicaid reimbursement for review. He advised the Stanley Contract for the Integrator is to be provided and signed. He also expressed concern that he should be the person to request funds for the final payment for Spillman since it was for a fund in the commissioners' budget. He was instructed to provide it since it was for the project at the jail.

**Treasurer—Ms. Amy Copeland 9:19:00**

Ms. Copeland provided the commissioners with her annual report for the treasurer providing the details of interest earned in 2016, delinquent taxes as 12/31/2016, and ending balances for each fund.

**Southeastern Career Center—Mr. Brad Street 9:23:43**

Mr. Street appeared as the commissioners had tabled the decision on using County property for the CDL class the Southeastern Indiana Career Center is proposing. He explained the trailer would NOT be driven around. The weight of the tractor would not exceed that of a dually pickup with camper. He requested a 1 year option of using the Fairgrounds to give the Southeastern Indiana Career Center time to provide the needed facility at their location.

Mr. Owen Menchhofer of the Ripley County Fair Board spoke and advised the Board was in support of the program and use of the facility.

Mr. Tim Taylor, President of the Southeastern Indiana Career Center advised the local school superintendents were in support of the program as well. Also in support was Mr. Elvin Knollman.

Mr. Don Dunbar spoke in opposition as a citizen of Osgood.

**CI Family Worship Center—Pastor Barrett 19:12:45**

Pastor Barrett spoke on the road extension for County Road 250S. He provided a copy of the survey that would take a dwelling off the church property and extend the road 100 feet into the property of the CI Family Worship Center.

Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the dedicated right of way to extend the dead end portion of County Road 250S for 100 feet into the CI Family Worship Center Inc parcel #012-100-140-00. Commissioner Stutler seconded and the motion passed with 2 yes.

**Southeast Indiana Regional Planning Commission—Ms. Kerry McConnell 10:23:50**

Ms. McConnell provided the paperwork to the commissioners for their signature on the resolution for the Community Development Block Grant. Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed with 2 yes.

**Parks—Mr. Ken Bowling and Mr. Chris Schmaltz**

Mr. Bowling advised they wished to replace the mower at the Fairground. Mr. Schmaltz provided quotes from Zimmer on 3 different mowers. They were advised they needed quotes from 3 different providers.

Auditor Wagner presented the commissioners with the claims for consideration. Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the claims as presented with a second from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed with 2 yes.

Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the minutes of January 3, 2017 as presented with a second from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed with 2 yes. The minutes of 12/19/2016 were not approved since Commissioner Linville was absent for this meeting and Commissioner Stratton was not the commissioner in 2016.They will be presented for the January 30, 2017 meeting to Commissioner Stutler and Linville.

Auditor Wagner presented the Covered Bridge Certification for the signatures of the Commissioners.

Next the Batesville Memorial Public Library requested the commissioners appoint Mr. Pete Mack and Mr. Mark Stenger to the Library Board. Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the appointments with a second from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed with 2 yes.

Lastly, Southeastern Indiana Recycling District requested the Commissioners appoint Ms. Melissa Baker to the Citizens Advisory Committee. Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed with 2 yes.

With no other business to attend, Commissioner Stratton moved to adjourn the meeting with a second from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed with 2 yes.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Rodney Stratton

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

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