

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting
January 15, 2016

The Commissioners meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m., Friday, January 15, 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.

Mr. Nathan Jenkins was present from Asphalt Materials, Inc. with a request to the commissioners to extend the 2015 liquid asphalt contract through the 2016 year. Commissioner Linville moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Foreman Kissell advised the Rising Sun Regional Foundation grant for snowplows had been approved for \$16,000.00.

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 8:06:00

Mr. Lohrum extended a thank you to the Sheriff for the jail trustees to help with snow and ice removal at the courthouse and annex.

He reported the windows at the courthouse were in poor shape and recommended looking at replacing them to stop the leaks.

EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose 8:11:00

Mr. Rose advised the new radios were to be delivered in February. He also advised the Hazard Mitigation Plan is being revised.

Treasurer—Ms. Amy Copeland 8:15:35

Ms. Copeland provided the commissioners with the annual Financial Report.

She advised the commissioners that they may get a complaint from Ms. Hester Young who was renting out houses in Friendship during the Muzzelloaders Shoot and was instructed to pay Innkeepers Tax.

Recorder—Ms. Ginger Bradford

Ms. Bradford advised during cold weather the Treasurer’s and Recorder’s offices get cold. When heaters are plugged into the floor receptacles it trips the breakers and shuts down the computers, etc. The commissioners requested Ms. Kelly Vollet to change the settings for the heat in those rooms.

Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet 8:47:15

Ms. Vollet advised the commissioners the new servers were in. Once the installation is complete the system will be more secure.

8:51:40 Break

EMS—Mr. Jim Corbin 9:00:00

Mr. Corbin provided the commissioners with the year end totals the rescue units saved by the lower ALS run fees to the county. Total saved all rescue units combined was \$95,400.00.

He also provided an update on the balance owed the county by Rescue 69 which was \$11,350.00 as of the end of 2015. The County Auditor is still holding the quarterly draws to Rescue 69 until the outstanding amount is received.

Sheriff Department—Sheriff Jeff Cumberworth 9:05:00

Sheriff Cumberworth advised he had received quotes for replacement of the water heaters in the jail.

Replacement as now installed with two Lochinvar water heaters. Optional Quote for different installation

Dunlap & Company:	\$45,759.93	\$41,827,68
QPH :	\$53,600.00	\$41,875.00
Garrett Mechanical :	\$53,452.00	\$49,000.00

After discussion and review Commissioner Busching moved to approve the quote from Dunlap & Company, for installation as is now in place, with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Sheriff Cumberworth then presented a quote from Mr. Daren Wood of Light Tech General Contracting, Inc. on replacing the lighting in the Jail with LED lights to reduce energy costs. Cost of the project would be \$28,391.00. Duke Energy would provide a rebate of \$18,770.00 which would leave a net cost to the county of \$9621.00. He stated the energy savings cost would be \$7750.00 per year. Payback of the \$9621.00 would take 1.3 years and after that the annual savings would be the \$7750.00 or \$645.00 per month.

Commissioner Busching moved to take the information under advisement with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Court Services/Probation—Mr. Shannon Schmaltz 9:36:00

Mr. Schmaltz thanked the commissioners for the security system in the courthouse. He also discussed the RCATS suspension program for students suspended from the schools. These suspended students now are sent to this program and spend a half day on studies and an afternoon of community service.

Ripley County Redevelopment Commission—Mr. Barry Lauber

Mr. Lauber appeared to request the commissioners appoint Mr. Barry Lauber and Ms. Brenda Wetzler to the board for another term 1/1/2016 to 12/31/2017. Commissioner Busching moved to appoint these individuals with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

10:16:19 BREAK

Mr. Bob Steele—County Roads and Flooding in Friendship 10:34:00

Mr. Steele discussed numerous projects he felt needed to be done such as additional bridges and ditching needed around the Friendship area.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2016 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.

Auditor Wagner provided the commissioners with the quarterly form to be signed for the Rising Sun Riverboat Revenue Sharing.

D&D Vending advised the commissioners with information that the snack and soft drink machines in the annex and courthouse were not providing the needed revenue to warrant keeping them in the buildings and they wanted to remove them. The commissioners requested Auditor Wagner to contact them to see if there was a compromise.

Also the covered bridge certification was provided for signature.

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