

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting
January 30, 2017

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m. Monday, January 30, 2017 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana.

Commissioners Stutler, Linville, and Stratton were present as well as Auditor Wagner.

Highway Superintendent Ray Toops advised the Town of Osgood requested the Highway Garage apply with the Town of Osgood for a road crack sealer. Commissioner Linville moved to proceed with the joint grant with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Superintendent Toops also advised the commissioners the concrete pad at the Fairgrounds/Park would be poured as soon as the weather would allow.

Foreman Pat Kissell advised he would like a lift gate to install on a pickup for picking up debris and dead animals. Commissioner Linville moved to approve the purchase (approximately \$4000.00) with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

The Grader lease property tax issue was discussed and Mr. Kissell advised he would contact John Deere and advise what information he receives.

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. Commissioner Stutler, Linville, and Stratton were present as well as Auditor Wagner and County Attorney Ertel.

Maintenance—Mr. John Lohrum 8:04:20

Mr. Lohrum questioned if the ceiling tile replacement in the second floor of the courthouse is to be included in the work to be done. He was advised it was to be quoted as well.

Health Dept.---Ms. Holley Rose

Ms. Rose advised the balance of the grant received by the Health Dept had not been budgeted for 2017 and vendors were waiting for payment. She requested the commissioners OK the claim to be paid prior to the additional appropriation being approved by the Council. Commissioners agreed as the funding had been deposited in 2016 but not carried over or encumbered into 2017.

Probation/Court Services---Mr. Shannon Schmaltz

Mr. Schmaltz obtained grant signatures from the commissioners for a grant submission. He also requested some reserved signs be made and placed on the parking spaces for his vehicles and equipment in the annex parking lot. Commissioners advised him to have the highway garage make reserved signs for him to have placed on the needed slots.

Superior Court—Judge Jeff Sharp

Judge Sharp appeared to request the commissioners' approval to change the case management program now being used (CSI) to the State approved system (Odyssey) that is supplied through the State of Indiana Supreme Court's Office of Appellate and Trial Court Technology.

With this system the Ripley County Courts would receive 6 desk top scanners, 17 desktop computers, 17 desk top monitors, 2 Judge Edition lap top computers, and 2 touch screen monitors to use with the system. (Approximate value of \$28,523.99 with no cost to the County) There would also be no support cost to the County as the State provides this.

Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the request to change to Odyssey with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Technology---Ms. Kelly Vollet

Ms. Vollet advised that since the commissioners approved the change to Odyssey she would only need to request 66 new computers to replace all the computers that are approximately 7 years old or older for the county. She requested the commissioners approve the Lenova brand approved by the Technology Committee for a total of \$67978.68. Commissioner Linville moved to approve the purchase with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes. (Funding to come from LOIT Unrestricted)

Also the Technology Committee had recommended the purchase of a copier for the Extension Office (\$7175.00) and the Prosecutor's Office (\$4410.00). Commissioner Linville moved to approve both purchases with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes. (Funding to come from Cum Cap Equipment)

Lastly, Ms. Vollet advised Boyer does not provide support for the phone system any longer and requested the commissioners sign a contract with ETC to provide the support for the phone system for \$3420.00 per year. She noted this was approximately half of the former charge to Boyer.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve the contract with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

BREAK—9:13:28

Sheriff—Sheriff Jeff Cumberworth

Sheriff Cumberworth advised they had purchased a new transport van and was keeping the old one for backup as they are now making juvenile transports.

He asked the commissioners if they had made a decision on additional comp time for the deputies. The commissioners have NOT made any decision yet.

EMS—Mr. Scott Huffman 9:24:50

Mr. Huffman was present to answer questions on the contract with Rescue 30 that would have the County taking over the Rescue 30 Territory for Emergency Response Service. There was no additional discussion and Commissioner Linville moved to approve the contract as presented. Commissioner Stratton seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes. Ripley County will begin providing Emergency Response to the Rescue 30 Territory beginning February 1, 2017 per the contract.

Also provided was the Warranty Deed for the property in Milan used for the Rescue 30 operation.

Southeastern Career Center—Mr. Brad Street 9:36:50

Mr. Street appeared with Superintendent Tim Taylor of JCD, Superintendent Rob Moorehead of South Ripley and additional individuals in support of the request to use the County Fairgrounds for the CDL Truck Driving Course provided by the Southeastern Indiana Career Center for the 2017-2018 school year.

Mr. Elvin Knollman, representing Transmark, spoke in support as well as Ms. Sherri Engel from Indiana Drivetrain.

Commissioner Stratton spoke to the responsibility he had to protect the citizens who use the park as well as the responsibility of protecting the County. He spoke to the dangers of the Semi-Trucks being in so close proximity to the camping spots, playground, and shelter houses. He stated while he fully supported the program he did not feel it should be on county owned property. Commissioner Linville also stated he felt a better location than the Fairground facility could be found to have the program.

After the discussion, Commissioner Stratton moved to deny the request from the Southeastern Indiana Career Center based on the liability exposure to the county as well as the safety issue. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

DAR—Ms. Janice Wilson and Ms. Cheryl Welch

Ms. Welch showed the commissioners the prototype of the plaque of the Ripley County Patriots of the Revolutionary War to be displayed in the annex when completed. The commissioners thanked them and had it put into the display case in the annex until the actual plaque is completed.

Southeastern Indiana Recycling District—Mr. Aaron Bell

Mr. Bell provided the commissioners with an update and the 2016 Annual Report that showed the increase in recycling. Also he discussed the fact that the cost of disposing of materials has increased as some that were disposed of now entail a fee rather than an income to the center. However, the district is still growing.

EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose 10:29:11

Mr. Rose provided the update of his office on grants, the All Weather Hazard Radio booster project, and general updates.

He obtained signatures for the Ripley County Local Disaster Emergency Declaration to be used in case of an extreme emergency situation.

He advised he had appointed Mr. Rich Corkhum to the District 9 Planning Commission as of 1/25/2017 until the commissioners remove or appoint a replacement.

He also requested permission to apply for a grant for encrypted radios for the policing departments in the county. Commissioner Stratton moved to allow him to apply for the grant with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Parks—Mr. Ken Bowling and Mr. Chris Schmaltz

Mr. Schmaltz provided the commissioners with quotes from Thompson Outdoor Power Plus, Batesville Farm & Tractor Supply, and Zimmer Tractor on mowers for the Parks Dept. The different mowers were reviewed and were narrowed down to Batesville Farm & Tractor Supply (\$9200.00) and Zimmer Tractor (\$9438.00) on a Scag Cheetah SCZ61V-29CV-EFI-61 inch Velocity Deck with a 29 HP fuel-injected Kohler Engine.

Commissioner Stratton moved to approve Batesville Farm & Tractor Supply for the purchase with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes. Funds are to come from EDIT-Parks.

Fiber Tech—Mr. Mike Kole 10:58:09

Mr. Kole provided the commissioners with the contract to allow use of the dedicated right of way to the county to install fiber optic cable. Commissioner Linville moved to approve the contract with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Clerk—Ms. Ginger Bradford

Ms. Bradford provided the commissioners with quotes from Jeff Hafft Contracting and Construction and Poole Group, Inc. on the annex office completion for the Election Office and Coroner's offices. They were tabled and not read until additional information and clarification was obtained.

Commissioner Stutler presented the commissioners with the re-appointment of Mr. Jerry Smith to the Rising Sun Regional Foundation Board. Commissioner Linville moved to approve the re-appointment effective 1/1/2017 with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

APEX Benefits—Ms. Toni Stinson 11:15:48

Ms. Stinson provided the commissioners with the claims update as of December 31, 2016. Based on the claims paid it would appear that the county would be receiving a substantial cost increase in 2017. Various options such as considering different Third Party Administrators & Reinsurance Companies and a cost plus type program were discussed to lessen the increase. Also discussed was having other agents provide quotes. Ms. Stinson will provide a base specification sheet for use in quoting for the next commissioners meeting to be considered.

Auditor Wagner presented the commissioners with the claims for consideration. Commissioner Linville moved to approve the claims as presented with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the minutes of January 13, 2017 as presented with a second from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed with 2 yes. Commissioner Linville abstained as he was absent at the January 13, 2017 meeting.

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

_____ Gary Stutler

_____ Rodney Stratton

_____ Robert Linville

Attest: _____ William Lee Wagner—Ripley County Auditor