

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting
February 1, 2016

The Commissioners meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m., Monday, February 1, 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. Dennis Lewis had requested to be present to obtain information on employment questions but did not show for the meeting.

Mr. Tom Huff requested 2/8/2016 through 2/12/2016 leave without pay. Commissioner Linville moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Flatland Farms, LLC provided a contract for the 2016 year for hauling the cinders to the Ripley County Highway Garage from Miami/Fort, North Bend Ohio at the rate of \$5.50 per ton and from Gibco, Aurora Indiana at \$5.25 per ton. Prices are subject to escalation or de-escalation of fuel prices.

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

Foreman Toops presented a new hire request for Mr. Patrick Miller with a proposed start date of 2/8/2016. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

The contract received from the Southeastern Vocational School for the use of their tower for the county radio equipment was discussed. Foreman Kissell is to notify the insurance company to add the location for liability as required by the School. No further action was taken at this time.

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 8:13:00

Mr. Lohrum advised the cigarette disposals needed to be anchored down as they keep blowing over. He was instructed to try sand in the bottom first before putting in concrete.

EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose 8:16:25

Mr. Rose advised there was a grant opportunity to help provide secure channels for the radios he would be applying for.

EMS—Mr. Jim Corbin 8:18:45

Mr. Corbin requested the commissioners give the 6 month notice as required by the current contract and cancel all rescue contracts except the Batesville Rescue 10 territory effective 8-1-2016 due to ongoing problems the commissioners had been briefed on in past meetings. This would mean Ripley County will make all rescue runs outside the Town of Milan and the Town of Sunman. This cancellation would have no effect on any contracts the rescue units currently hold with other entities. All rescue runs made by Ripley County would have a Paramedic on each run as well as an EMT.

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

Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet

Ms. Vollet stated the air conditioning unit being installed for the server room is almost complete.

BREAK—8:52:00

Sheriff Department-- 8:58:00 Chief Deputy Kurt Enneking and Mr. Paul Wells

Chief Deputy Enneking appeared on behalf of the Sheriff to request a decision on the lighting quote from Light Tech General Contracting, Inc. presented at the previous meeting. This was to replace the lighting with LED for better lighting and reduced cost in the Jail. Cost to the County, after a Duke Energy rebate, is \$9621.00.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the project and funds to come from Cum Cap Building with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

911—Ms. Judy Schebler

Ms. Schebler appeared to advise the commissioners she would be retiring 1/7/2017. She requested Ms. Leah Hildebrand be appointed to take her place and will be requesting a new hire to train starting 7/17/2016. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the requests with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Encore Insurance—Mr. Brad Samples 9:25:35

Mr. Samples delivered the final insurance policies for the 2016 renewal. He stated he had been able to obtain an additional discount for the Workers Compensation after he had presented the renewal quote approved by the commissioners. This amounted to a reduction of \$4870.00 for the 2016 period.

APEX Benefits—Mid Year Review and Renewal Planning--Ms. Toni Stinson

Ms. Stinson presented the mid-year claims review. Loss ratio for the 6/1/2015 through 11/30/2015 period currently stands at 103.1%. If the trend continues the county could expect to see a premium increase for the 6/1/2016 renewal.

She advised she would take the group to the market to see what type of renewals could be obtained. Also she presented several possible ways to reduce the cost for the county and these will be explored as well. She will return to the 3/28/2016 commissioners' meeting with additional information.

BREAK—10:04:44**Drainage Board Hearing; Creigmile vs. Catron 10:10:23**

Mr. Jeff French, Ripley County Surveyor, spoke first of his findings when he investigated the complaint. County Surveyor's Exhibit #3 is his letter of findings. His findings were the waterway through the Catron property was present on the 1959 map marked County Surveyor's Exhibit #2. Also County Surveyor's Exhibit #1 was an elevation map showing the Catron property is downhill from the Creigmile property. He stated he felt the issue would be fixed with opening the obstruction to allow water to flow in the natural waterway. He also presented pictures taken 12/21/2015 when he inspected the property. Also entered into evidence were pictures marked Petitioner's Exhibit #1 and pictures marked Respondent's Exhibit A.

The Respondents were represented by Mr. Christopher Stephen who provided Indiana Code for review and the commissioners' consideration. After all testimony was complete From Mr. Steve Creigmile and Mr. Ray Catron Attorney Stephen requested the parties involved gather in the hall to determine if an agreement could be reached without a ruling by the commissioners.

After a period of discussion by the parties involved Attorney Stephen advised the commissioners an agreement had been reached that would have Mr. Creigmile obtain a contractor to look at the properties and propose a resolution of running a tile through the dammed area and through the Catron property down the natural waterway. Mr. Creigmile would also receive an easement to maintain the tile through Catron's property. Attorney Stephen will prepare the agreement for the parties to sign and requested NO action be taken by the Drainage Board at this time. With this Commissioner Busching moved to table the petition until the agreement is received with the parties' signatures. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Tourism—Ms. Katherine Taul 11:15:50

Ms. Taul presented the commissioners with the new brochure for Tourism. Also Ms. Taul requested Anita Fledderman and Mr. Don Karbowski be re-appointed to the Tourism Bureau Board. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3yes. Ms. Taul also advised donations had been received for a memorial for Eleazor Wheelock Ripley who the county was named after. She advised she would continue in the fundraising and get with the commissioners on placement of the memorial.

SIRPC—Ms. Jodi Comer 11:23:15

Ms. Comer appeared for a decision from the commissioners on the owner occupied rehabilitation program for low income families in Ripley County. The commissioners advised her to continue with the procedure to see what funds could become available.

Auditor Wagner reminded the commissioners the next payday, 2/15/2016, the banks were closed. Commissioner Busching moved to have the pay released on 2/12/2016 with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the minutes of the January15, 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.

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