

# Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

## February 10, 2020

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Roll Call.

Present: Rodney Stratton, Mark Horstman, Gary Stutler, Attorney John Ertel and Auditor Amy Copeland.

### Johnnie Lohrum – Maintenance

Mr. Lohrum stated that he was not happy with Dunlap leaving the heat off in the courthouse overnight. We also talked about Dunlap sending in their bills on a timelier manner. Commissioners stated to post Mr. Lohrum's position in house for 5 days and then in the paper for a week.

### Tad Brinson – Area Planning

Mr. Brinson bringing in a re-zone for Mr. Howard. This is so he can upgrade his business. Mr. Howard is wanting to put a new drive in off of 1000.

**Motion:** Commissioner Stratton made the motion to approve the re-zone that the area planning board approved, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rodney Stratton, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

### Mike Raney – Laughery Valley Ag Co-Op

Mr. Raney was in for the paperwork to be signed to lock in the diesel price for the year.

### Ray Toops – Highway Garage

The new mechanic for the highway garage will start on 24<sup>th</sup> of February, 2020. Mr. Toops stated that the county has had several signs that have been torn down within the county.

### Jeff Cumberworth – Sheriff

Mr. Cumberworth stated the work release floor in the sheriff's department needs to be fixed. Mr. Cumberworth brought in 2 bids to replace the floor one from Howard Construction and for \$2,850.00 and another from SDG Investments LLC for \$6,175.00. **Motion:** Commissioner Stratton made the motion to accept the bid from Howard's Construction for the amount of \$2,850.00, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rodney Stratton, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Patti Boudrot – Health Insurance**

Ms. Boudrot gave an update on the Health Insurance. Ms. Boudrot also talk about the Pre-Renewal Strategy.

### **Scott Huffman – EMS**

Working on getting the Rescue 69 building purchase completed. The overhead doors are ordered. The commissioners have a purchase agreement. **Motion:** Commissioner Stratton made the motion to approve the purchase agreement for the Rescue 69 land and building purchase, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rodney Stratton, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion:** Commissioners discussed exempt employees, and whether such employees would receive comp time, sick days, vacation pay, etc. or salary. Commissioner Horstman stated that the matter should be tabled and more research done.

Commissioner Horstman talked about the new county email being set up. Commissioner Horstman stated is a little more expensive but we will be on top of technology instead of on the bottom end. The email service is Microsoft 360 government. The total cost for an email is \$46.50 per email per year.

**Motion:** Commissioner Stratton made a motion to reappoint Barry Lauber, Brenda Wetzler and Mark Comer to the Ripley County Redevelopment Commission, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rodney Stratton, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Stutler made the motion to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2020 commissioner meeting, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gary Stutler, **Seconded by** Rodney Stratton. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Stutler made the motion to approve the claims and payroll, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gary Stutler, **Seconded by** Rodney Stratton. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Stratton made the motion to adopt the 2nd Amendment Proclamation **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rodney Stratton, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Stratton made the motion to take out the Weapons section on page 58 of the handbook, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rodney Stratton, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Stratton made the motion to adjourn the meeting, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rodney Stratton, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.



Mark Horstman, President



Gary Stutler



Rodney Stratton

Assts:



Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor