

## Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

February 12, 2018

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m. Monday, February 12, 2018 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana. All Commissioners were in attendance as well as Auditor Wagner.

Superintendent Toops advised he had received the new 4 year bridge inspection contract from USI Engineering. INDOT is requiring additional work for the inspections in this cycle and the contract cost was higher at \$289,545.02. He requested Attorney Ertel review it.

He also advised the Community Crossing Funding from INDOT had been approved and the contract is being returned for further review.

Foreman Kissell advised the new tandem trucks had been received and were having the equipment installed for radio, etc.

He questioned if the commissioners wished him to prepare the quote information for the 3 new single axle trucks to be purchased in 2018 and was told to move forward. Pricing is approximately \$129,385.00 each. Firm quotes will be received.

With no further business to attend, Commissioner Linville moved to recess to the annex. Commissioner Stratton 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. Commissioners Stutler, Linville, Stratton, County Attorney Ertel, and Auditor Wagner were in attendance.

### **Maintenance—Mr. John Lohrum**

Mr. Lohrum advised he had ordered salt for the sidewalks and parking lot. He is obtaining a quote from QPH to replace a coil for a uninvent heater at the courthouse that needed repaired.

### **Veterans—Mr. Ken Hylton**

Mr. Hylton introduced Mr. Ben Layton who he had hired to work in the veterans' office.

### **EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose**

Mr. Rose the commissioners approve him applying for a 2018 Foundation Grant. Commissioner Stratton moved to approve his request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet**

Ms. Vollet advised ETC was still working on the phone system. New modules were in and they were working on the software upgrade.

**Sheriff—Sheriff Cumberworth**

Sheriff Cumberworth stated Ms. Vollet was looking into placing a phone at the security location at the courthouse at the request of the Judges.

He also advised he had talked with another fire alarm and inspection company about the inspections. He will contact them to have them prepare quotes.

**Southeastern Indiana Recycling District—Mr. Aaron Bell**

Mr. Bell presented the commissioners with the 2017 annual report and answered any questions they had.

Also he discussed the appointment for the commissioners for their Advisory Committee. He requested Ms. Melissa Baker be reappointed. Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Prosecutor—Mr. RicHertel**

Mr. Hertel appeared on a claim procedure for airfare charged to his personal credit card. The claim had been turned down as the service had not yet been used. However, the charge had been placed on his credit card statement. He stated he did not want to provide his credit card statement and desired approval from the commissioners to use the confirmation received from the airline to pay the claim. He also stated he would inform his office to use the county credit card for these purchases when at all possible.

The commissioners agreed that for hotel (if applicable) and airfare tickets the confirmation received would be sufficient for payment of the claim.

Auditor Wagner then asked the commissioners for a motion to that effect since it was changing current policy.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve the use of confirmations for claim purposes with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Motion from Executive Session meeting:**

Commissioner Stratton moved that the personnel disciplinary issue discussed at the February 2, 2018 Executive Session be resolved with both employees involved have a written notice of a Level 1 offense be placed in their respective personnel file for 1 year from this date.

Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 2 yes and Commissioner Stutler voting NO.

**EMS—Mr. Scott Huffman**

Mr. Huffman did not have any issues to discuss and did not appear.

The commissioners were presented with a request to reappoint Ms. Jill Jansing to the Osgood Library Board. Commissioner Linville moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**BREAK**

**10:00 am---Quote opening for Boiler replacement at courthouse.**

Quotes were requested from Choice Mechanical, Hydronic & Steam, QPH, and Dunlap.

Choice—No quote received

Hydronic & Steam—None received in person nor mail

QPH-\$46,880.00

Dunlap--\$42,500.00

Commissioner Linville moved to accept the quote from Dunlap as the lowest responsible quote with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

(As a note: Auditor Wagner had been in the commissioner meeting since 7:00 am and had not had access to his email. After the meeting had been adjourned, when checking his emails he discovered that Hydronic & Steam had sent an email 2/12/2018 at 9:29 am with a quote of \$43,447.00. Since it was still higher than Dunlap he did not notify the commissioners as Dunlap was still the lowest responsible quote.)

Auditor Wagner presented the commissioners with the minutes of the January 29, 2018 meeting and the February 2, 2018 Executive Session meeting. Commissioner Stratton moved to approve both with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Linville moved to pay claims with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

The Commissioners signed the Payroll Vouchers, Claim Vouchers, and Claims being paid from the commissioners’ budget.

The commissioners also received a report from Historic Hoosier Hills of their activities.

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

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

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

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

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