

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting
February 13, 2017

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m. Monday, February 13, 2017 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana.

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

Mr. Mike Raney of Laughrey Valley Ag attended the meeting to discuss contracting the balance of 2017 fuel on the Flex Plan. He explained how the contract would work. The commissioners advised they would take under advisement and move on it later in the meeting at the annex.

The Purdue Road School was discussed and will be March 3-6, 2017.

Commissioner Linville brought up switching to four ten hour days for the highway garage. After discussion he moved to start four ten hour days beginning May 8, 2017 until September 24, 2017. Commissioner Stratton seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Foreman Pat Kissell advised he had been in contact with John Deere on the grader leases. He provided a copy of the lease that required Ripley County to reimburse for any property taxes assessed to John Deere on the graders.

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 Linville moved to reconvene the meeting with a second from Commissioner Stratton. 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.

The commissioners discussed the mileage claims for picking up the mail by offices. Commissioner Stratton advised that the Post Office had stated they would deliver to the annex if a mail route carrier passed the annex on his route. This will be investigated further as it didn't seem it would be sorted by office.

The Clerk's Trust Account was discussed pertaining to switching the bank currently being used to a bank that would pick up the deposits rather than an employee being required to take the deposits to the bank.

Commissioner Stratton moved to use up the current check supply on hand and then change the bank being used. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Linville then revisited the fuel contract being offered by Laughrey Valley Ag for the balance of 2017. Commissioner Linville then moved to contract 60% of the

annual usage of fuel used by Ripley County for the remainder of 2017 using the Flex Contract. Commissioner Stratton seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Maintenance—Mr. John Lohrum 8:30:00

Mr. Lohrum advised the commissioners that Trane had to reset the alarm on the A/C system in the annex.

*Commissioner Stratton questioned Assessor Shawna Bushhorn on the billing to John Deere for the graders being leased since the county is exempt from property taxes. She stated that John Deere had not noted that Ripley County was responsible for property taxes on the lease. She will flag the file so that no future billing will be sent. The Highway Department is to refund John Deere the property tax paid.

Mr. Keith Scott (812-621-1158)

Mr. Scott addressed the commissioner about the dump trucks that may be disposed of in the future if new trucks are purchased. He was advised they would be placed on the auction site.

Clerk—Ms. Ginger Bradford

Quotes from Jeff Hafft Contracting and Construction and Poole Group Inc. were reviewed. Commissioner Stratton stated he did not feel that the quotes were being presented for the same scope of work. Upon further discussion and phone calls it was determined that the two contractors were not quoting the same scope of work. Also due to the cost, County Attorney Ertel advised each project should stand on its own and separate quotes for the annex and courthouse needed to be provided. He will provide a letter for the contractors that will list the scope of each project so each contractor will be quoting the same scope of work.

Sheriff—Sheriff Jeff Cumberworth

Sheriff Cumberworth reported no new issues to discuss.

EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose 9:07:13

Mr. Rose advised he would be updating the emergency procedures manual for the commissioners' review and approval.

Also he discussed the weather radio booster project and advised he would have more info at a later date.

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 Linville moved to approve the minutes of January 30, 2017 as presented with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Auditor Wagner advised the commissioners they needed a replacement for Mr. Mark Busching on the Ripley County Economic Development Board. Commissioner Linville moved to appoint Commissioner Stratton with a second from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Auditor Wagner questioned the commissioners about the rollup doors not automatically closing in case of an emergency in the building. It will be investigated to see if they can be retrofitted to meet code.

The discussion then turned to the quotes for wrapping the heat and air conditioning pipes in the ceiling at the courthouse. The quotes from QPH (\$3865.00) and Fargo Insulation (\$5708.00) were reviewed. Commissioner Linville moved to accept the quote From QPH for \$3865.00 and pay from Riverboat Belterra. Commissioner Stratton seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

At 10:56 am Commissioner Linville left for a doctor appointment.

Mr. Charles Blair—11:20:35 (812-689-1321)

Mr. Blair appeared to discuss a flooding issue on County Road 175 and West 50 South due to water from a farm field running to a ditch overflowing the road and flooding his property and undercutting the road.. He was advised the Highway Department would look at the problem to see if ditching or a bigger culvert could stop the problem.

With no other business to attend, Commissioner Stratton moved to adjourn the meeting with a second from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed with 2 yes.

_____ Gary Stutler

_____ Rodney Stratton

_____ Robert Linville

Attest: _____ William Lee Wagner—Ripley County Auditor