

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting
February 15, 2016

The Commissioners meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m., Monday, February 15, 2016 at the Ripley County Highway Department, Osgood, Indiana.

Discussion to pay overtime based on an 8 hour day at the highway garage was held and Commissioner Busching moved to approve the overtime pay to be paid on anything over an 8 hour day.

Auditor Wagner received a question from Foreman Ray Toops as to why the overtime had not been received for the week with a holiday in it and he stated overtime was paid per the handbook that required an excess of 40 hours actually worked in a week before overtime was paid.

Commissioner Busching then stated he felt the matter needed more discussion and withdrew his motion.

Mr. Donald Dunbar appeared as a citizen with a few questions.

- 1) Repairs to the buildings at the Park on an annual basis.
- 2) Use of the County vehicle by the EMS Director out of state.
- 3) Interest earned by each department from funds designated for their department.

He then stated he wanted to commend the highway department for saving the county funds by constructing the salt buildings at the highway location.

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 8:17:40

Mr. Lohrum stated he had received the old light bulbs from the Jail since the update to LED lighting and can be used in different locations.

He also stated the security at the courthouse had requested additional lighting over their station be installed to provide better security and help in seeing items placed in the containers.

Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet 8:19:15

Ms. Vollet stated she had nothing to discuss.

EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose 8:20:05

Mr. Rose updated the commissioners on the grants applied for, the emergency mitigation plan, and upcoming exercises and events.

Sheriff Department-- 8:38:08

Sheriff Cumberworth provided the commissioners with the damage to the copper piping erosion in the jail due to the hard water and volume of water going through the piping that should be larger. The estimate to repair these pipes was \$1440.00.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the repair and pay from the Cum Cap Fund. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Sheriff Cumberworth then provided information on a toilet that was clogged due to the hard water as well and advised it had to be removed and sent out for repair. Repair to the toilet would be \$1300.00. Commissioner Busching moved to approve this request also and pay from Cum Cap Fund. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Extension Office—Mr. Dave Osborne

Mr. Osborne appeared as requested with updated quotes for replacing the carpet in the extension office.

Quotes received:

Riverside Carpet One--\$7648.37

Levensteins/Abbey Carpet--\$8220.00

Pulskamps Flooring Plus Color Tile--\$10,052.37

Tim Mills--\$7300.00

Commissioner Busching moved to approve payment from the Cum Cap Fund with Tim Mills to provide the carpet. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Probation—Mr. Shannon Schmaltz 9:02:35

Mr. Schmaltz requested permission to place framed posters in the waiting area in the first floor hallway area. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

BREAK—Commissioner Busching moved for a break with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Prosecutor—Mr. Ric Hertel

Mr. Hertel advised the Commissioners he wished to hire Ms. Amy Rodriguez with their approval and the approval of the County Council. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Clerk—Ms. Mary Ann McCoy 10:13:00

Ms. McCoy introduced Mr. Don Foley as the requested replacement for the election board member to serve with her and Mr. David Green. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the appointment with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Ms McCoy then requested approval to move the voting location from the Delaware Community Building to the new Delaware Fire House. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes. She then presented a list of voting locations for the primary and general elections in 2016. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the list with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes. List is available through the Clerk's Election Office.

Ms. McCoy then requested approval for a pay increase for poll workers and that the commissioners provide her with their approval to request funds from the County Council for e-poll books and hot spots. The commissioners stated they would discuss the pay raise request and had no objection to her requesting the funds through the County Council for the e-poll books and hotspots.

BREAK—10:27:00

Commissioners' Certificate Sale—11:00:00

Mr. Joe Edwards of SRI conducted the commissioners' tax sale for the properties the commissioners had on the list.

- 1) Property ID# 691500025 James Edward Dillon, Jr. sold for \$2600.00
- 2) Property ID# 691500035 James Curtis Lykins sold for \$1500.00
- 3) Property ID# 691500044 Todd D. Norman sold for \$700.00

EMS Rescue Units:

There were approximately 45 attendees that signed the sign in sheet which included media, approximately 12 citizens, and approximately 33 members from the rescue units.

Those that spoke included Mr. Rick Stevens, Mr. Dave Voss, Mr. Tom Poole, Mr. John Dobson, Mr. Daniel Smith, Mr. Charlie Cozart, and Mr. Matthew Chastain.

There were many questions raised including the timeliness of the collections from the current billing company, what was the plan for the county to take over the rescue runs in the county territory, why the EMS Director was allowed to use the vehicle to take home, etc.

The commissioners stated that information was to have been provided by the EMS Director who was to attend the meeting but did not show up and was not in contact with them. Without this information the commissioners could not provide the information to those asking questions. It was then requested the commissioners hold a Special Meeting in the evening so citizens could make the discussion. The commissioners agreed that the discussion needed to continue with the information provided by the county EMS. The commissioners set February 29, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Annex Meeting Room for the Special Meeting to discuss the EMS Rescue Units' issues and provide the information requested.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the minutes of the February 1, 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

