

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting  
February 25, 2019

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 8:00 a.m. Monday, February 25, 2019 at the Ripley County Annex Building, Versailles, Indiana. All Commissioners were in attendance as well as Attorney Ertel and Auditor Copeland. Commissioner Stratton opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag.

**Maintenance—Johnnie Lohrum**

Mr. Lohrum presented the commissioners with two bids for a univent in the courthouse. One bid was from Choice for \$2,825.00 the other bid was from Dunlap for \$3,431.00. Commissioner Horstman made the motion to accept the bid from Choice for the amount of \$2,825.00, Commissioner Stutler 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3 yes. Mr. Lohrum also presented the commissioners with two more bids for the courthouse basement. One bid was from Get Dri. LLC for \$6,500.00 the other bid was from Bittner Company, Inc for \$22,520.00. Commissioner Stutler made the motion to accept Get Dri. LLC bid for \$6,500.00, Commissioner Horstman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3 yes.

**EMA – Darrell Ake**

Auditor Copeland made aware that Mike Sieverding had given his resignation effective February 21, 2019. Mr. Ake was in and stated that an EMA director needs to be hired immediately and to also consider the position to be full time. Commissioners asked Mr. Ake to see if the advisory board would make some recommendations for a new hire. Commissioner Horstman made the motion for Darrell Ake to be in interim director till someone is hired, Commissioner Stutler 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3 yes.

**Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet**

Ms. Vollet was in attendance but had no business. Commissioner Stutler requested that she check the light timer for the parking lot and to reset the timer for the lights to go on and off due to it being daylight longer.

**Sheriff—Mr. Jeff Cumberworth**

Sheriff Cumberworth attended and presented bids for the units at the top of the jail. Sheriff Cumberworth also presented the applications for 2 new jailers. Sheriff Cumberworth presented 2 bids for the walk in cooler. One bid was from Climate Control for \$6,880.00 the other bid was from Dunlap for \$5,450.00. Commissioner Horstman made the motion to except Dunlap's bid for \$5,450.00, Commissioner Stutler 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3 yes.

Commissioner Stutler brought up an instance where one of the Deputies had an accident. Commissioner Stutler wanted to know if the Deputy was drug tested, if he had to go to defensive driving school or if he was reprimanded. Sheriff Cumberworth responded that the Indiana State Police investigate our crashes. They did not ask for a drug test on the deputy. Historically, it is not a standard procedure to do a drug test on a deputy if they have an accident. The deputy was not required to take defensive driving school nor was he reprimanded. He has been on the Sheriff's Department for 15 years and that is only his 2<sup>nd</sup> accident. After review of the Employee Handbook, it was noted that for the future any accidents involving a county owned or leased vehicle requires a county employee involved in the accident to be drug tested.

### **Highway Department – Mr. Ray Toops**

Mr. Toops was in with pictures of wind damage to the covered bridge in Holton. He stated that he had called Brad Samples, with the insurance company to get the claims procedure started. Mr. Toops also wanted the commissioners to know they are closing a couple roads in the south to put culverts in. He also stated the 3<sup>rd</sup> new truck would be in on Friday.

### **Health Department – Holley Rose**

Miss. Rose was in stating they are going to look into doing a CPR class and Stop the bleed class. Auditor Copeland also let her know that Jeff French gave his resignation to the Ripley County Health Board. Miss. Rose state that the Health Board would get some names together to replace him and get to the commissioners. Commissioner Stutler wanted to make sure that Friendship could get the red vest from the Health Department for the Hill Sweep that they have on April 20, 2019. Miss. Rose stated they could borrow them.

### **Probation – Shannon Schmaltz**

Mr. Schmaltz was in with a lease agreement from Margaret Mary Community Hospital for the CADS room in the Probation Department. The lease agreement is for \$25.00 a month, \$300.00 a year. The money would go back into county general. Mr. Schmaltz had the liability form from Margaret Mary Community Hospital to go with the lease agreement that will last 1 year. Commissioner Horstman made the motion to approve the lease agreement, Commissioner Stutler 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3 yes.

Commissioner Stratton opened the floor for the public to speak on MGPI of Indiana, LLC. Citizens from the Sunman area that spoke were: Carol Eckstein, Alison Knue, Carol Schmidt, and Warren Bruns. Sunman Town Council members that spoke

were: Don Foley and Harvey Dobson. Jason Lueking was in attendance. Mr. Lueking is the local council for MGPI of Indiana, LLC. Commissioner Horstman made the recommendation for an amended ordinance to go the planning commission.

**Miscellaneous**

County Attorney Ertel brought in a contract service for the commissioners to sign. Commissioner Stutler made the motion to except the contract, Commissioner Horstman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3 yes.

Auditor Copeland brought forward the SEIRD 2019 Citizen's Advisory Board appointment member. The member will be Jared Rogers for Ripley County. Ripley County Community Foundation sent paperwork for the Ripley County Quality of Life Improvement Fund. This is for the Showmobile Stage at the fairgrounds.

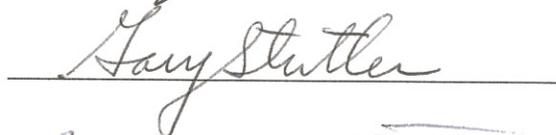
Auditor Copeland presented the commissioners with the minutes of the February 11, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Stutler moved to approve the minutes with a second from Commissioner Horstman. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Stutler moved to approve the claims with a second from Commissioner Horstman. Motion passed with 3 yes.

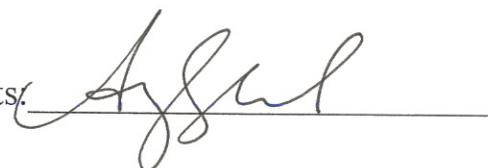
The Commissioners signed the Payroll Vouchers, Claim Vouchers, and Claims being paid from the commissioners' budget.

With no further business to attend, Commissioner Horstman moved to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Commissioner Stutler had to leave early so was not in attendance for the vote. Motion passed with 2 yes.

 Rodney Stratton, President

 Gary Stutler

 Mark Horstman

Assts:  Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor