

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting
February 27, 2017

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m. Monday, February 27, 2017 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana.

Superintendent Toops advised that Mr. Nelson Bowlus from the Cemetery at Napoleon had stopped and requested something be done to stop semi trucks from using Michigan Road and damaging the cemetery. Since the property being damaged is not on county property there is nothing the county can do and has previously put up signs that are being ignored by the drivers.

Mr. Roy Holman, Holman Excavating, had requested permission to put a gas and water line in the county right of way on Tanglewood Road. The commissioners determined more information would need to be obtained to determine if the lines are owned by the Town of Osgood or privately owned.

Foreman Kissell requested the commissioners determine the minimum bid for an old backhoe that is not running and a truck bed being put on the county auction site to dispose of them. The commissioners decided to start them at \$300.00 each.

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.

Maintenance—Mr. John Lohrum 8:15:00

Mr. Lohrum advised the pre heat system for the annex boiler would be checked when QPH does the routine maintenance check.

Planning—Mr. Tad Brinson

Mr. Brinson advised the commissioners they had finished the interviews for the opening they had and presented the commissioners with Ms. Vicki Taylor as the choice to fill their vacancy. She is scheduled to start 3/13/2017. Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet 8:40:20

Ms. Vollet presented the OCS email explaining the 4th quarter report was being worked on. The contract to monitor the system had been signed approximately a year ago and there has been no reports given to this point. OCS has not been receiving notice of malfunctions of the system per their replies.

Also discussed was the “811” program that those with fiber cable belong to and are responsible to locate when someone digs in the area of the fiber. Since Boyer Technologies no longer provides that for the county it will be up to the county to request a locate when someone is digging in the vicinity of their cable.

EMS—Mr. Patrick Rose

Mr. Rose discussed the emergency shelters. Since there was no way to guarantee that they were opened in an emergency they were not place on the website for the county. He is checking on how to fix this problem.

He advised that the county should do an ADA and Title VI assessment for any violations so corrective action could be taken. This will be investigated and discussed further at a later meeting.

Sheriff—Sheriff Jeff Cumberworth

Sheriff Cumberworth advised a 911 air conditioner had been repaired. He asked if a decision had been made on the request by the deputies to increase the comp time maximum accrued. A lengthy discussion followed but there was no motion to change the current maximum amount that can be accrued.

BREAK**EMS—Mr. Scott Huffman**

Mr. Huffman presented two new applicants, Mr. Gary Harding III and Mr. James Hopping, for the commissioners’ approval. Commissioner Linville moved to approve both with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Next discussed was the problem with an ambulance at Milan continually breaking down and could not be trusted enough to use for rescue runs where patients’ lives were at stake. Mr. Huffman advised he had talked with some of the County Council members and funding would be voted on at the March meeting but most were in agreement that the ambulance would need to be replaced. Also another ambulance at Batesville was reaching mileage that was reaching the replacement stage.

He presented the commissioners with quotes from Arrow Ambulances to replace two ambulances. Several options were discussed including purchasing a used 2012 and a 2017 Demo to ordering two new units. After discussion and the need for at least one ambulance to be replaced as soon as possible Commissioner Linville moved to purchase the 2017 Demo and order a new 2017 trading in a 2009 and 2005, with final price to be

\$236,300.00. Funding is to come from the EMS budget and Riverboat Belterra Machinery and Equipment. Commissioner Stratton seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Tourism—Ms. Katerine Taul 10:31:30

Ms. Taul presented the commissioners with drawings of the plaque and carving for the Bi-Centennial Torch display. Commissioner Linville moved to accept the quote that included the hands grasping the torch and pay \$2248.00 with Tourism contributing \$500.00 for a total of \$2748.00 from Weberding Carving. Commissioner Stratton seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Ms. Taul requested Ms. Anita Fledderman and Mr. Don Karbowski be reappointed The Tourism Bureau Board. Commissioner Stratton moved to appoint those requested with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

A discussion about moving the History Tree currently located in the Courthouse main hall occurred. It had been previously voted by the commissioners to be moved to the annex but after discussion Commissioner Linville moved to rescind the prior vote to move the tree and leave it in the courthouse main hall. Commissioner Stratton seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Auditor Wagner presented the commissioners with a request for a letter of support be signed for the Batesville Area Resource Center's Board of Directors renovation grant request for the housing of social services for residents of Ripley and Franklin County. The commissioners signed the letter in support of their efforts.

Auditor Wagner then discussed the need for files to be shredded to provide additional locked storage space in the storage room. He had contacted Shredding and Storage Unlimited, Inc. at Bloomington. This company shreds for Monroe County and the Lawrence County Sheriff as well as others in the area. They provide a Certificate of Destruction, shreds on site only and ships directly to the paper mills and NOT to a recycle center. The commissioners agreed to have Auditor Wagner schedule them to shred files and notify all departments of the arrangements.

Next the commissioners considered the quotes for carpeting and flooring material in the Courthouse for the Clerk's Offices, Ripley Circuit Offices, Court Room, Jury Room, second floor hallway and landing.

Quotes were received from Pulskamps Flooring Plus (\$29,652.08) and Halcombs Home Center (\$37,140.00).

Commissioner Linville moved to accept Pulskamps Flooring Plus quote with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes. This will be paid from cum cap building.

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 February 13, 2017 as presented with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

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

_____ Gary Stutler

_____ Rodney Stratton

_____ Robert Linville

Attest: _____ William Lee Wagner—Ripley County Auditor