

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting
February 29, 2016

The Commissioners meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m., Monday, February 29, 2016 at the Ripley County Highway Department, Osgood, Indiana.

Superintendent Owen Heaton advised the salt buildings were full and they were continuing to haul cinders to stockpile.

Foreman Steve Schoeneg questioned the commissioners about using a revised 4 ten hour days during the summer. Commissioner Busching moved to have the highway department 4 ten hour days starting 5/9/2016 and ending 9/25/2016. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Foreman Pat Kissell requested payment for the garage doors in the highway garage main building to be paid from Cum Cap Building. Commissioner Linville moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes.

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 8:04:05

Mr. Lohrum advised QPH had made 4 various repairs to heaters etc. and billings will be received.

Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet 8:09:05

Ms. Vollet stated the AC for the server room is complete and it needed to be tested.

EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose 8:10:00

Mr. Rose updated the commissioners on the 3/10/16 Training for the Emergency Operation Center.

EMS—Mr. Scott Huffman 8:26:25

Commissioner Busching moved to rescind the previous action taken by the commissioners that cancelled contracts for Rescue 20, 30, and 69. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes. The current contracts in force will remain and continue as all units and the county work towards a solution.

Next Commissioner Busching moved to appoint Mr. Scott Huffman as the EMS Director effective 2/29/2016 with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Last a request from Medicount to provide to signatories for paperwork that needed signed for Medicare and Medicaid was considered. Commissioner Buching moved to approve EMS Director Scott Huffman and Ripley County Auditor William Lee Wagner. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

BREAK—8:41:49

Sheriff Department-- 8:49:20

Sheriff Jeff Cumberworth provided the bill for repairing the water leaks in the jail and it was slightly lower than expected.

He advised the Prosecutor had requested the Tahoe the Sheriff Dept. was replacing. The commissioners discussed the request and settled they would dispose of the 2004 Ford Expedition the commissioners were using and replace it with the Tahoe that would be available for the Assessor and other departments as well. The Expedition is to be placed on the website auction for a minimum bid of \$1500.00.

Probation—Mr. Shannon Schmaltz

Mr. Schmaltz advised he was submitting a grant request to Rising Sun Regional Foundation to help purchase an additional vehicle for Community Corrections.

Health Dept.—Ms. Vicky Powell 9:09:55

Ms. Powell stated people were having a hard time finding the Health Dept. and requested permission to obtain a sign to make it easier to find the Dept. She was instructed to come up with some options.

She also requested permission to change an employee's work schedule. Commissioner Linville moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes.

BREAK—9:29:30

Southeastern Indiana Recycling District—Mr. Aaron Bell 9:38:50

Mr. Bell provided the annual report showing the growth of the Recycling District which is up dramatically.

Malcon—Mr. Charles Malinowski 9:57:25

Mr. Malinowski presented the 2104 Cost Allocation Plan for approval. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the Contract renewal with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Mr. Malinowski also advised as soon as the paperwork was processed the EMS would be receiving approximately \$5500.00 after his fee for the calculations of the cost allocation.

He also provided the commissioners with a report that from 2003 through 2014 he had recovered \$648,234.00 of funds for Ripley County from the Title IV-D Program.

Park—Mr. Ken Bowling and Mr. Warren Bruns 10:06:42

Mr. Bruns spoke about the Endowment Fund for the Showmobile. He was advised the fund will receive the future funds from the Ripley County Community Foundation for the Quality of Life Improvement Fund.

Building 1 was discussed. It needs a new roof and the commissioners informed Mr. Bruns they would need quotes.

He also stated the electrical service in the livestock barns needed updated. He was informed they should be inspected and quotes for updating obtained if needed.

The painting of the grandstand was also discussed and a quote will be obtained as well for this project.

BREAK—10:28:50

Lohrum Electric—Mr. Micah Lohrum 10:34:25

Mr. Lohrum provided information on LED lighting for the courthouse. He also addressed the Generator for the EMS building as it is ready for service and the issues he felt were present with the annex generator. The Commissioners will investigate and advise. They requested he provide an actual quote for the next meeting.

Clerk—Ms. Mary Ann McCoy 10:44:40

Ms. McCoy requested the commissioners approve a raise for Poll Workers of \$10.00 each. It was discussed and Commissioner Linville moved to present the increase to the Council at the next Council meeting. Commissioner Buching seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Light Tech General Contracting—Mr. Darren Wood

Mr. Wood presented the commissioners with a quote for replacing the Courthouse lighting with LED. This did not include the change of lighting fixtures requested by the Judge. He was requested to provide a revised quote to include the Judge's request.

Commissioner Busching moved to take the issue under advisement with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Auditor Wagner presented the commissioners with the 2015 year end Cash and Investments Combined Statement.

Also the commissioners, Auditor Wagner, Treasurer Copeland agreed to bank transfer of \$140,000.00 to continue funding of the EMS until the situation could be worked out with additional funds being received.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the minutes of the February 15, 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