

# Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

## March 9, 2020

### Roll Call.

**Present:** Rodney Stratton, Mark Horstman, Gary Stutler, Auditor Amy Copeland and Attorney John Ertel.

### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Johnnie Lohrum – Maintenance

Mr. Lohrum stated that Adams seal coating called again about the black top sealing. Mr. Lohrum stated that he would call them and let Adams seal coating know that they can do it this summer.

Mr. Lohrum gave bids from Patterson's Nursery for the lawn service that he offers.

Mr. Lohrum gave quotes for bag filters in the boiler room.

**Motion:** Commissioner Stratton made the motion to approve the bid for Dunlap to provide labor and material for the boiler rooms, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rodney Stratton, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Kerry McConnell –

Mrs. McConnell stated that we received a grant from the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority.

#### Tad Brinson – Area and Planning

Mr. Brinson brought in a new zoning amendment. **Motion:** Commissioner Stratton made the motion to approve the zoning amendment, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rodney Stratton, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Kenny Bowling – Park Board

Mr. Bowling & Mr. Bruns was in for the commissioner appointment of a park board member. **Motion:** Commissioner Stratton made the motion to appoint William Warren as a board member of the park board, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rodney Stratton, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bruns brought up the bids for the grandstands. **Motion:** Commissioner Stratton made the motion to accept the Schneider's bid and gives Commissioner Horstman the authority to sign a revised contract on the wall height, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rodney Stratton, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Keith Sieverding – Southern Ripley County Emergency Life Squad

Officers Keith Sieverding and Vicki Kessens from the Southern Ripley County Emergency Life Squad made a real estate transfer to Ripley County.

#### Leah Hildebrand – 911 Coordinator

Mrs. Hildebrand is in with a new hire and to give an update on the office.

### **Becky Cairns – Technology**

Mrs. Cairns stated that the assessor's office software program is not working and needs a new server.

**Motion:** Commissioner Stutler made the motion to approve a new server for the assessor's office,

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gary Stutler, **Seconded by** Rodney Stratton. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Charlie Malinowski – Malcon**

Mr. Malinowski was in to talk about EMS and Highway on fuel tax refunds. **Motion:** Commissioner

Stratton made the motion to approve the contract for Malcon, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rodney

Stratton, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Ray Toops – Highway Department**

Mr. Toops came in to give an update on the MVH funds that we receive from the state.

The district 3 grader has a problem with the transmission.

Commissioner Horstman brought up a culvert that was left to the property owner on Rosfeld Road.

Commissioner Horstman stated that he would try and talk to the property owner.

### **Jeff Cumberworth – Sheriff**

Mr. Cumberworth was in and talked about some expenses for the showers in the jail.

Mr. Cumberworth was also in about the storage room upstairs in the annex building for him and all officers.

**Motion:** Commissioner Stutler made the motion for the sheriff to go forward with a contractor to get a plan and cost, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gary Stutler, **Seconded by** Rodney Stratton. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Scott Huffman – EMS**

Mr. Huffman was in and talked about the reconstruction of the Ripley County EMS in Milan. Attorney Ertel will write a letter to Milan when Mr. Huffman gets him the information he needs.

**Motion:** Commissioner Stutler made the motion to approve the minutes from February 24, 2020,

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gary Stutler, **Seconded by** Rodney Stratton. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Stratton made a motion to approve the claims and payroll, **Action:** Approve,

**Moved by** Rodney Stratton, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Don Foley & Ed Gindling – Election Board**

The election board is looking for help with moving the election machines the day before election and the day after. Commissioners stated that they need to talk to Shannon Schmaltz and Joe Mann about people on probation that need community service hours. Council member Ron Decker stated that you could always ask the Veterans office.

**Motion:** Commissioner Stutler made the motion to adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Gary Stutler, **Seconded by** Rodney Stratton. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Horstman Mark Horstman, President

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Assts: Amy R Copeland Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor