

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting  
March 11, 2019

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 8:00 a.m. Monday, March 11, 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 was in attendance to let the commissioners know that Get Dry, LLC will be starting on the courthouse basement very soon.

**EMA – Darrell Ake**

Mr. Ake was in attendance to get an update on the EMA position being filled. They are going to take to council to see if they will leave it part time or be making it a full time position. The state grant will cover up to 3 positions at 50% is what Mr. Ake told the commissioners.

**Sheriff—Mr. Jeff Cumberworth**

Commissioner Horstman made the motion to have Commissioner Stratton, President, sign the title to the totaled sheriff car, Commissioner Stutler 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3 yes.

The parts for the cooler at the jail have been ordered.

Sheriff Cumberworth brought in a jail officer application.

Commissioner Stutler brought up the drug testing in the county again. Attorney Ertel stated that we should be following our handbook, which states employees will also submit to a drug test as soon as possible following an accident involving a County-Owned or Leased vehicle. Failure to report such incidents must be explained or supported by facts and may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

**Highway Department – Mr. Ray Toops**

Mr. Toops brought in a USI proposal for the covered bridge, but the commissioners asked for additional information on it due to insurance purposes. Mr. Toops has 2 bids for the reconstruction of the roof on the bridge and is awaiting 1 more bid. Mr. Toops also made the commissioners aware that bridge 135 on Fairground Road will be closed for approximately 5 weeks. This is the bridge in between county road 650 W and 525 W. Mr. Toops also made the commissioners aware that the grader lease will be coming due in December.

### **Probation – Shannon Schmaltz**

Commissioner Horstman made the motion for Commissioner Stratton, President to sign the letter for the Community Correction grant, Commissioner Stutler 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3 yes.

Commissioner Stutler made the motion for the commissioners to pay the CSI bill out of the county general, contractual services, commissioners budget, Commissioner Horstman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, Motion passed 2 yes 1 abstain.

Toni Stinson from Apex was in to state that she is resigning from the position she is in now to a new position at Apex. She brought in Patti Boudrot and Bill Sylvester that will be taking her place. Commissioner Stutler wanted her to know that she will be missed and has done a tremendous job.

### **Miscellaneous**

County Attorney Ertel talked to the commissioners about the ordinance which will be reviewed by the Tech Review Committee at 1:00 p.m., on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, in the Plan Commission Office.

Bridget Back was in to ask the commissioners to use the courthouse lawn for the National Day of Prayer. They are wanting to use it at noon and 6pm on May 2, 2019. Commissioner Horstman made the motion to allow South Ripley Ministerial Association to use the courthouse square on May 2, 2019, Commissioner Stutler 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3 yes.

Auditor Copeland presented the commissioners with the minutes of the February 25, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Horstman moved to approve the minutes with a second from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed with 3 yes.

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



Rodney Stratton, President



Gary Stutler



Mark Horstman

Assts: 

Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor