

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

March 12, 2018

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m. Monday, March 12, 2018 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana. All Commissioners were in attendance as well as Auditor Wagner.

Superintendent Toops advised the salt had been delivered that was ordered on the State bid. The additional funding for the new trucks was discussed and he advised he would be discussing with the Council at the March meeting. He also advised the additional gas tax that was instituted in 2017 had produced substantial increase in the funding received.

He also asked the commissioners to consider changing the highway work schedule to 4/10 hour days beginning May 7 through September 24, 2018. Commissioner Linville moved to approve 4/10 hour days for 4 months beginning 5/7/2018. There was no second and the issue was tabled to the annex portion of the meeting.

He advised they would be receiving a crack sealer to begin sealing cracks in the roadways 3/13/2018.

With no further business to attend, Commissioner Stratton moved to recess to the annex. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Stratton moved to reconvene the meeting with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes and Commissioner Stutler opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag. Commissioners Stutler, Linville, Stratton, County Attorney Ertel, and Auditor Wagner were in attendance.

Maintenance—Mr. John Lohrum

Mr. Lohrum discussed the changing the filters in the annex that are to be done every 5 years. QPH had provided a quote but the commissioners instructed Mr. Lohrum to obtain additional quotes.

A quote from Patterson's Nursery was received for 2018 lawn care for fertilizer and broad leaf control. Auditor Wagner was instructed to investigate what procedures were used in 2017 and advise the commissioners.

EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose

Mr. Rose requested the commissioners sign a proclamation for Severe Weather Preparedness Week March 18-24, 2018 which was done.

He also advised his department had helped adjoining counties with their flooding assessments so they could qualify for disaster relief.

Treasurer—Ms. Amy Copeland

Ms. Copeland advised her shredder had quit working and a new one was needed. She requested the commissioners purchase one for her office. She was requested to obtain additional quotes for consideration.

Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet

Ms. Vollet advised she had been in a conference call with ETC and Integration Partners on the issues with the phone system. For Integration Partners to become involved in getting the system working could be another 4 to 6 weeks.

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Sheriff—Sheriff Cumberworth

Sheriff Cumberworth advised the emergency shutoff valves on incoming water lines to the jail were not working and needed to be replaced. Quotes from Dunlap Mechanical (\$1800.00), Bischoff Plumbing (\$1921.25), and Hirt&Ellco (\$1995.00) were submitted for consideration.

Commissioner Stratton moved to accept the lowest bid from Dunlap Mechanical with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Mr. John Kinker—Request for a stop sign on Spades Road and 1100N

Mr. Kinker stated the traffic was getting heavier on these roads and speeds were excessive and creating a dangerous situation. He requested a stop sign be installed to slow the traffic flow. The commissioners advised they would investigate.

Highway—Superintendent Toops

Mr. Toops revisited the request for 4/10 hour for the highway garage starting 5/8/2018 through 9/24/2018. Commissioner Stratton stated he felt the change did **NOT** benefit the county.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve the change to 4/10 hour days from May 8, 2018 through September 10, 2018. Commissioner Stutler seconded and the motion passed with 2 yes and Commissioner Stratton voting no.

Parks—Mr. Kenny Bowling and Mr. Chris Schmaltz

Mr. Bowling and Mr. Schmaltz requested the commissioners approve the EDIT funds in the commissioners' budget for Fairground Equipment to be used to build a new storage building at the Parks. The commissioners instructed them to obtain additional quotes for consideration. Commissioner Linville moved to commit the \$31,000.00 EDIT funds requested toward the new building with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

APEX—MS. Toni Stinson

Ms. Stinson appeared to review the renewal procedure with the commissioners and offer some insight to the renewal strategy. Changes made for the current period of coverage have been advantageous and the current estimate of cost for the 6/1/2017 through

5/31/2018 period could be approximately \$330,000.00 LESS than anticipated if claims continue as shown for the first several months.

She advised the May premiums withheld as the employee shear could be used for a holiday for the employee and possibly be deposited to the employees' Health Savings Account.

Commissioner Linville moved to proceed with this recommendation with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Auditor Wagner presented the commissioners with the minutes of the February 26, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Stratton moved to approve with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Stratton moved to pay claims with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

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

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

_____ Gary Stutler

_____ Rodney Stratton

_____ Robert Linville

Attest: _____ William Lee Wagner—Ripley County Auditor