

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

March 23, 2020

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call.

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

Maintenance – Johnnie Lohrum

Mr. Lohrum gave a maintenance update. Commissioner Stutler made a comment that there was a case of gloves taken from the maintenance room. Commissioner Stutler asked Auditor Copeland to send an email that if they need something from the maintenance closet to contact the Auditor.

EMA – Randy Miller

Mr. Miller stated that the check engine light was on in the EMA Explorer, Commissioners stated to take the vehicle somewhere to get looked at.

Mr. Millers also gave an update on the EMA office with COVID-19. He stated that he has been working very closely with all offices with the COVID-19 epidemic. Mr. Miller stated that he talked to the volunteers last week and most are working from home.

Commissioner Horstman stated that there was an executive session on Friday at 1.

Motion: Commissioner Stratton made the motion to terminate already suspended Shawn Alvarado from the Director of EMA, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rodney Stratton, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Stutler made the motion to approve Randall Miller as the interim EMA Director effective Friday, March 13, 2020, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gary Stutler, **Seconded by** Rodney Stratton. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Miller stated that he would try his best to do a full audit of the EMA office as soon as he can get time.

Veteran – Ken Hylton

Mr. Hylton wants to see if we can donate a large table to the St. Leon Legion Post #464.

Commissioner Stutler stated that we just need to run the table through the public auction with a starting bid of \$50.00.

Highway Department – Ray Toops

Mr. Toops stated the Highway Department had a lot of wash outs on Friday and they are working on them. Mr. Toops also stated that the Railroad Grant of \$9,998.00 was received and it is to help with 19 railroad crossings. The project has to be done before the county will actually get the money. DJ Stripping will be doing the work at the crossings. Mr. Toops gave an update on the transmission in one of the graders, they should know something this week.

Commissioner Horstman stated he is trying to get into contact with Mr. Huber on Rosfeld Road about the culvert in his yard.

Ripley County Health Officer – Dr. David J Welsh

Dr. Welsh came in to give an update on the COVID-19.

Sheriff Office – Kurt Enneking

Mr. Enneking brought in 2 bids for architecture of the room in the annex building. One bid is from Fritsch Architecture for the amount of \$3,508.00 and the other bid is from Susan Glaser Designs for the amount of \$3,200.00 (not to exceed). The Sheriff is paying for the architectural services. Commissioner Horstman made the recommendation to go ahead with the process of getting an architect to draw up the design of the room in the upstairs annex with council approval.

Election Board – Don Foley & Ed Gindling

There are 16 active polling places in Ripley County.

Motion: Commissioner Stratton made the motion to approve the 16 active polling places in Ripley County, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rodney Stratton, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Foley and Mr. Gindling would like some help the day before the election and the day after election to move election machines. The Commissioners talked to them about contacting the towns to see if they could get one of their employees to help.

Commissioner Horstman asked about with the COVID-19 pandemic with the regards to what we are going to do about the pay or the comp time with our employees. Commissioners are going to hold off on making a decision on anything at this meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Stutler made a motion to approve the March 9, 2020 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gary Stutler, **Seconded by** Rodney Stratton. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Stutler made the motion to pay the claims and payroll, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gary Stutler, **Seconded by** Rodney Stratton. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk – Ginger Bradford

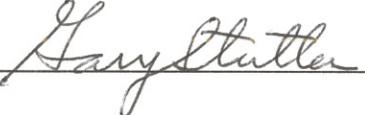
Mrs. Bradford is asking about the money for the election room with the election being extended.

Motion: Commissioner Stratton made the motion to recess to after the interview process of the executive session, **Action:** Recess, **Moved by** Rodney Stratton, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Stutler made the motion to reconvene the regular schedule meeting after the executive session, **Action:** reconvene, **Moved by** Gary Stutler, **Seconded by** Rodney Stratton. Motion passed unanimously.

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


_____ Mark Horstman, President


_____ Gary Stutler


_____ Rodney Stratton

Assts: 
_____ Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor