

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting
March 28, 2016

The Commissioners meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m., Monday, March 28, 2016 at the Ripley County Highway Department, Osgood, Indiana.

Superintendent Heaton advised they were waiting for the utilities to be marked before they bury the cable for the generator at the EMS building. Also they are considering using the highway personnel to replace the roof as well.

Foreman Kissell advised the utility bed for the bridge service truck is still on backorder.

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 with 3 yes and the meeting was called to order with the pledge to the flag.

Maintenance—Mr. Johnnie Lohrum 8:14:00

The quote for the roof repair at the courthouse from Tyler Bond was received. It included a quote for re-caulking and replacing the metal edge on the southeast gable as well as grinding and resealing the masonry as needed. It will be reviewed with the quote from York roofing at the next meeting.

Sheriff—Sheriff Jeff Cumberworth 8:19:30

Sheriff Cumberworth advised the commissioners that there was no new business. However he stated he had met with the installers of the door closures for the west end of the courthouse and they are to install a key fob box inside and an emergency door handle on the door.

He also stated he was waiting on the ordinances that will allow him to charge for background checks, false alarm calls, and the increase in work release fees.

Auditor—Mr. Bill Wagner

Auditor Wagner gave notice to the commissioners he wished to hire MS. Denise Schmaltz for the open position in his office. Since Ms. Schmaltz was presently an employee, Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet 8:17:40

Ms. Vollet advised the emergency notice system in the extension office was not working properly and advised a new system would be needed. She had obtained a quote for \$6600.00. The commissioners tabled the quote until they could contact Mr. Dave Osborne and discuss the issue with him.

She also stated the Tech Committee had met on the request from Judge Sharp for a new laptop for \$1924.00. She stated the committee recommended approval of the request. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes. This will be paid from Cum Cap Equipment.

The commissioners then visited the quotes for the LED lighting for the courthouse. Quotes were received from Light Tech General Contracting, Inc for a net cost of \$10765.00, Lohrum Electrical LLC for a net cost of \$12,500.00, and J. Beischel Electric for a net cost of \$18078.00. All quotes had been reviewed by Attorney Ertel who advised he felt the quote from Light Tech General Contracting was the lowest responsible quote. With this Commissioner Busching moved to approve the quote from Light Tech General Contracting, Inc. for a net cost of \$10765.00. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes. This will be paid from the Belterra Riverboat Fund Building Repair.

BREAK—9:12:23

9:25:00--After the break Mr. Micah Lohrum questioned the commissioners on the procedure for quotes. He did not feel they had taken all aspects into consideration. The commissioners advised they had reviewed all quotes which now included the additional light requested for the court that was not in the original quotes and felt they had approved the best quote for the situation.

Clerk—Ms. Mary Ann McCoy

Ms. McCoy requested the commissioners approve her request to increase the pay for the poll workers by \$10.00. This would increase the base pay for the Inspector to \$110.00, the Judges to \$85.00, The judge of opposite party to \$95.00, and the Clerks to \$85.00. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes. Ms. McCoy will now need to request an additional appropriation from County Council for the funding.

EMS—Mr. Scott Huffman 9:31:45

Mr. Huffman presented the commissioners with two applications for employment, Mr. Joseph Lamer and Ms. Jacquelyn Brannor. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Mr. Huffman then also advised one of the full time employees was stepping down and he was interviewing 4 internal applicants for the position.

APEX Benefits—Ms. Toni Stinson 9:40:40

Ms. Stinson provided the commissioners with the claims history for the past year and the projected for the balance of the current period. The history has not been good and the renewal for the next period with the same administrator and network would have a substantial increase of premium of approximately 33.3%. She discussed several options such as renewing with a different company of which Anthem had the best rates offered which would be an approximate 18.5% increase. Other options were increasing deductibles and offering only one plan to choose from. The commissioners questioned if there were any other options and she advised she could check with Anthem to quote a Health Savings Account option with the same deductibles as now rather than increased deductibles. She is to be at the April 11, 2016 meeting with these options. The commissioners signed a letter of disclosure with Anthem that stops the underwriting process and firms the pricing so no changes would occur. It does not obligate the county to use Anthem for the next period of coverage.

Ripley County Tourism—Ms. Katherine Taul 10:57:06

Ms. Taul advised the commissioners she had obtained all but \$200.00 for the Memorial for Brigadier General Ripley, namesake of Ripley County, and requested the balance of funding from the commissioners. Commissioner Linville moved to approve the request of \$200.00 with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes. Funding is to be paid from Belterra Building.

The commissioners then met with Mr. Micah Lohrum of Lohrum Electric, a representative from Glenwood Electric, who installed the breaker panel for the annex generator, Mr. Dwight Bauman, Ripley County Building Inspector to determine what steps were needed to make the installation code compliant. Several fixes were discussed from replacing the breaker on the generator to match the actual draw on the generator to replacing the panel with one that would cover the actual maximum load of the generator.

It was decided to have the two electric contractors provide a quote to install the correct panel with a 200 amp service. The panel will be located outside and be weather proof.

The commissioners will have County Attorney Ertel contact the architects who provide the specs about correction.

Mr. Ric Hertel provided the commissioners an application for employment for a new hire, Mr. Allen Beneker. Commissioner Busching moved to approve with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2016 commissioners' 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