

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

April 9, 2018

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m. Monday, April 9, 2018 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana. All Commissioners were in attendance as well as Auditor Wagner.

Superintendent Toops advised the 6 trucks to be disposed of had been picked up and credited to the new single axle truck purchases.

Also he provided the commissioners with the 2019-2020 Economic Development Income Tax Capital Improvement Plan for the consideration.

The USI Bridge Inspection Contract has been approved by INDOT and is ready for signatures.

He reported that Milestone advised millings from I74 could be purchased for \$5.00 per ton and stored at their location to be hauled from there. The commissioners took no action and will consider the purchase at a later date.

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 advised the keypad for the annex chiller had gone bad and needed to be replaced. He was instructed to get 3 quotes.

Clerk/Elections—Ms. Ginger Bradford

Ms. Bradford advised the commissioners that she had found a person that was trained to do the computer vote tally for the May Primary and the General Election.

After discussion Commissioner Linville moved to approve the individual be paid as an independent contractor for the service in the May Primary and the November General elections at a rate of \$20.00 per hour. Commissioner Stratton seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet

Ms. Vollet advised the Sheriff was moving the Spillman server to the Jail building location so the system did not have a power issue if the electric failed.

Health Dept.—Ms. Holley Rose

Ms. Rose advised the commissioners that due to the generator failing to start the last power outage the vaccines were at risk and had to be moved to the EMA location as they had power from the Sheriff generator. She advised that the Health Dept. had funds that could be used to have the annex generator serviced twice a year as part of the safety aspect for the vaccines.

Sheriff—Sheriff Cumberworth 9:05:40

Sheriff Cumberworth provided an application for a new hire, Mr. Rob Benham. He then questioned the change to the Holiday pay for employees. He stated his request was to put the law enforcement personnel on overtime after 40 hours per week or after 80 hours per two week period.

A discussion followed and the commissioners tabled the request to a later time.

9:28:23 BREAK

Liberty National—Ms. Mallory McGuire

Ms. McGuire presented the commissioners with the products provided by her company. Auditor Wagner reminded the commissioners that they had consolidated the ancillary coverages to Allstate. The commissioners stated they were not interested in pursuing any change at this time.

Parks—Mr. Kenny Bowling and Mr. Chris Schmaltz

Mr. Bowling and Mr. Schmaltz presented quotes for the new parks storage building.

Comer-- \$25,875.00 w/o gutters

Burdette Builders--\$21,750 w/o gutters

\$22,850 w/ gutters Not able to build until July.

Gosman--\$22,615 w/0 gutters Able to build May

Commissioner Linville moved to accept the quote from Gosman due to the May build date with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

APEX Benefits—Ms. Toni Stinson

Ms. Stinson advised Clear Health Strategies could provide the same review for Professional Services as ELAP is currently doing for the Facility charges on the health coverage. This should provide the county and employees an additional saving on the health care.

After further discussion Commissioner Linville moved to approve Clear Health Strategies and use the 200% times Medicare as the threshold for the reviews. Commissioner Stratton seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Tourism—Ms. Terri Trowbridge

Ms. Trowbridge requested the commissioners sign the proclamation for April 10, 2018 Ripley County Bi-Centennial Day.

Prosecutor—Mr. Ric Hertel and Mr. Alan Beneker

Mr. Hertel explained to the commissioners an Equal Opportunity Employment Plan needed to be adopted for compliance for Federal Government grants. He presented a sample for review. County Attorney Ertel will prepare for the commissioners approval.

Koorsen Fire—Ms. Shannon Brown

Ms. Brown presented the commissioners with an updated quote for fire protection devices. She is to bring back a proposal for the monitoring of the alarms to the next meeting. This will also include the Park.

Opioid Litigation/EDIT Plan

Commissioner Stratton revisited the prior tabled discussion of a class action suit to reimburse Ripley County for the additional costs caused by the opioid crisis. He stated he could see no downside to the presentations given by the legal firms and County Attorney Ertel agreed.

Commissioner Stratton then moved to authorize Commissioner President Stutler to sign the contract with Cohen & Mallad LLP to represent Ripley County. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

The 2019-2020 Economic Development Income Tax Capital Improvement Plan was revisited from the morning session at the Highway Garage. Commissioner Linville moved to approve the plan with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

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

Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the 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