

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting  
April 10, 2017

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m. Monday, April 10, 2017 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana. All Commissioners were in attendance.

Superintendent Ray Toops advised the commissioners that the highway garage had been experiencing internet outages and he had contacted Comcast about it. They had provided a quote for the internet, telephone, and TV bundle with upgraded equipment for approximately \$10.00 less per month for a 36 month contract. The commissioners stated they wished to discuss with Ms. Kelly Vollet, IT Director before any moves.

Foreman Mert Huntington advised he was still waiting for a response from Dearborn County on a guard rail issue.

Foreman Bob DeBurger advised road cracks were being sealed and should be complete by time the Chip and Seal starts.

Foreman David Brunner also discussed sealing road cracks and advised special attention was needed for Bridge 191 in Friendship.

Shop Foreman Pat Kissell advised the paperwork for the dump truck purchase is on hold while a grant application is being prepared by Southeastern Regional Planning Commission for the Rising Sun Regional Foundation Grant.

With no further business to attend, Commissioner Linville moved to recess to the annex. Commissioner Stratton 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. Commissioner Stutler, Linville, and Stratton, and County Attorney Ertel were in attendance. First Deputy Auditor, Amber May, prepared minutes for the meeting.

**Maintenance—Mr. John Lohrum**

Mr. Lohrum advised he was obtaining quotes to repair two windows in the courthouse and a door at the annex. Two trees at the Delaware EMS location-1 was blown down and another needed to be taken down. He was advised to stop at the highway garage and see if they can help.

He cannot find where the dead birds found when replacing ceiling tile in the courthouse were coming from.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve the minutes of March 27, 2017 and claims as presented with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet**

Ms. Vollet advised ETC did not provide TV service to the Osgood area and she advised the highway garage to renew the contract with Comcast.

**EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose**

Mr. Rose advised the all hazard mitigation plan meeting would be 4/27/2017 at 6:30 pm at the Osgood Community Building and they will discuss the results of the survey. He advised Mr. Rich Korkhum was going back to volunteer status.

**Sheriff—**

Sheriff Cumberworth advised he was interviewing a female jail officer and will bring up at the next meeting.

The comp time increase again came up and Commissioner Linville stated he was not for increasing the comp time at this time. He may entertain revisiting the issue in 6 to 12 months.

Sheriff Cumberworth stated he was sure that the limit of payout in cash could be limited to 40 hours and he would check with the consultant Dennis Dunlap.

**EMS—Mr. Scott Huffman**

Mr. Huffman stated Rescue 69 blew an engine on a Rescue Unit and he was loaning them a unit from the county.

He presented the commissioners with an employee application for consideration. Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Main Street Versailles-** Ms. Roxanne Meyer and Ms. Mary McCarty appeared to request the use of the Courthouse Square for 4/15/2017 from 12-2pm for pictures and treats using the restrooms and parking lot for the Farmers Market starting June 3 to October 14 and Santa on the Square and a ministerial live nativity and the Lions BBQ on 6-24-2017. The commissioners agreed to the use of the Courthouse Square.

**Clerk—Ms. Ginger Bradford**

Ms. Bradford stated there was insulation all over the office and she had requested Johnnie Lohrum clean it up.

Circuit Court Judge Ryan King stated the ceiling tile had water damage on it and requested permission to get a quote to replace the ceiling tile as well in the court area, jury room, and restrooms. He was instructed to obtain a quote.

**Court Services—Mr. Shannon Schmaltz**

Mr. Schmaltz presented the commissioners with two applications for employment to consider (Mr. Timothy C. Schoonover, Jr. and Mr. Jacob Garvey). Commissioner Linville moved to approve both with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Prosecutor—Mr. Ric Hertel**

Mr. Hertel provided a request for employment from Ms. Kara J. Kerker. She will be used after the Bar Exam on an as needed basis. Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Health Insurance:**

Brokers for APEX, Encore/IPEP, Business Benefits, and Group Benefits of Indiana were present to hear the decision of the commissioners which broker was chosen to renew the health insurance program for 6/1/2017---5/31/2108 renewal.

Commissioner Stratton moved to approve APEX Benefits and the Broker for the 6/1/2017 renewal. The commissioners will explore different cost cutting ideas with APEX Benefits prior to renewal. Some considerations are changing the Pharmacy Benefit Manager, using Reference Based Pricing Spousal Carve Out, Spousal Surcharge, Dental Insurance being self funded and other possible suggestions received at the next meeting. Commissioner Stratton moved to move to Southern Scripts as the new Pharmacy Benefits Manager and authorize Commissioner President Stutler sign the contract once approved by the County Attorney John Ertel. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

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

Also the contract from Pinpoint Utility Protection, LLC for the contact to do the location when calls are made to 811 for locates was presented. Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the contract with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Gary Stutler

\_\_\_\_\_ Rodney Stratton

\_\_\_\_\_ Robert Linville

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ William Lee Wagner—Ripley County Auditor