

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting  
April 25, 2016

The Commissioners meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m., Monday, April 25, 2016 at the Ripley County Highway Department, Osgood, Indiana.

Commissioners Stutler, Busching and Linville were present as well as Auditor Wagner.

The roof of the EMS building was discussed. A quote for the roofing had been received from New Marion Sales for the supplies except the stripping to put down for attaching the metal. Commissioner Busching moved to accept the quote for materials for \$2059.86 and also purchase the stripping material. Highway employees are to do the labor. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Bridge #48 was discussed. Quotes from Rohe, McAlister, and O'Mara had been requested but only Paul Rohe, Inc. provided a quote for \$112,700.00. This quote was more than funds available and Commissioner Busching moved to approve the quote subject to approval of an additional appropriation for \$9000.00 be passed by the County Council at the May meeting. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Foreman Kissell advised he had trenched the electric line for the EMS but was told there was additional work they wanted done. He advised that the commissioners needed to approve the additional work before he would complete it.

Also Foreman Kissell advised the service bed for the bridge truck had been received.

Foreman Schonegg advised Dave O'Mara had laid 8/10 mile of blacktop on County Road 700N for approximately \$34,000.00.

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 by with the pledge to the flag. All three commissioners, Auditor Wagner, and County Attorney Ertel were present.

**Maintenance—Mr. Johnnie Lohrum 8:23:00**

Mr. Lohrum requested the commissioners provide a dump truck from the highway garage to dump a load of mulch at Versailles to use for the annex and courthouse. They advised they would notify Superintendent Heaton to do so.

The annex generator was discussed on the fix for the improper breaker and wiring. Commissioner Busching moved to have the breaker on the generator changed to 125 amp and replace the 100 amp breaker in the panel changed to a 60 amp. Also a ground wire will be provided in the existing conduit between the panel and generator. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Linville moved to table the quotes from Lohrum Electric and Glenwood Electric to change the wiring and panel to a 200 amp service. Commissioner Busching seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

**Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet 8:51:40**

Ms. Vollet advised QPH had tested the A/C unit they had installed for the server room and all was working well.

The commissioners requested Ms. Vollet send an email to all employees that NO supplies were to be taken from the Custodian supply rooms without permission of the Custodian.

Commissioner Busching stated he had received an email from Mr. Steve Mathes requesting use of the courthouse square and courthouse restrooms, along with the annex parking lot, as needed, for the Farmers' Market starting May 28 and running through September 17, 2016.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Sheriff—Sheriff Jeff Cumberworth 8:00:00**

Sheriff Cumberworth advised the integrator had malfunctioned again and it was up and running now. He stated he would be asking for a new system with the 2017 budget.

He stated they had taken the hard drive from the new jail to use for it and needed a replacement hard drive. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the purchase of the hard drive with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes. Funds are to be taken from Riverboat wagering building or equipment.

He also advised there was equipment in the kitchen that was not needed and requested selling it. Commissioner Linville advised to check with surrounding jails and moved that anything not of interest to them would be put on the county auction site. Commissioner Busching seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Sheriff Cumberworth then stated he wished to change the current jail inmate phone service provider (Securis) with CPC. Their charges are less per minute and they provide many additional services such as video visitation with the inmate that is scheduled and is done in a secure setting with the inmate never leaving the cell block. This is much less labor intensive and safer for the jail staff and visitors.

Also they set up kiosks for the inmates to get phone cards and commissary items over the phone lines through kiosks set up by them. He asked for the approval of the commissioners. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**BREAK—9:30:47**

**EMS—Mr. Scott Huffman 9:34:10**

Mr. Huffman requested the commissioners enter into an agreement with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield to accept their negotiated payment for services provide by Ripley County EMS for the transfers. Currently there is no agreement in place and if the individual does not pay for the service the county receives no payment. With this agreement the county will be guaranteed of receiving something rather than sometimes being forced to take the individual to collections.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Mr. Huffman stated there would be another full time position open and requested direction from the commissioners. Commissioner Busching moved to advertise the opening with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Ross Run DAR—Ms. Janice Wilson and Ms. Cheryl Welch 9:45:10**

Ms. Wilson and Ms. Welch advised the commissioners the plaque in the courthouse listing the Revolutionary Patriots of Ripley County was missing 12 soldiers that are not listed. They advised they were having an additional plaque updated with the missing names and requested the commissioners place it where it could be seen since the security machine in the courthouse blocks it. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the placement of the new plaque with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes. The commissioners will decide where to place the new plaque so it can be seen.

**BREAK—10:05:50**

**APEX Benefits—Ms. Toni Stinson and Ms Kari Nublack 10:10:10**

Ms. Stinson presented the commissioners with the new findings for the health renewal. She advised APEX had submitted the county health program to 12 companies. Only two (Great Midwest and Anthem) provided a competitive quote with the current renewal. Great Midwest was the best with an overall increase of 12.6% over the current plan and no plan change. Anthem was 18.5%.

Commissioner Linville moved to sign the disclosure form for Heritage and Great Midwestern which stops the underwriting and firms the quote. It does NOT obligate the county at this time.

Commissioner Busching moved to switch the vision and dental plan to Anthem with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

After further discussion to reduce the overall cost of the insurance package for the employees Commissioner Linville moved to eliminate the basic \$15,000.00 life insurance coverage for employees. Commissioner Busching seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

No decision was made on the health coverage renewal and the commissioners requested Ms. Stinson to appear at the May 9, 2016 meeting when a decision will be made.

**Recorder—Ms. Ginger Bradford**

Attorney Ertel and Ms. Bradford advised the commissioners that a lawsuit over Documents retrieved by LPS from the recorder’s office through a electronic program had allowed LPS to retrieve a huge amount of documents and no payment had been made. It had occurred in numerous counties and each Recorder is going to be able to recover some of these fees. He requested the commissioners authorize Ms. Ginger Bradford to negotiate and settle with LPS through the mediation process. Commissioner Busching moved to grant Ms. Bradford authorization with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the minutes of the April 11, 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 except a claim submitted by the Surveyor for a car wash. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioners signed the payroll sheets and claim vouchers as well.

With no further business to attend to Commissioner Linville moved to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Mark Busching

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

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