

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

May 7, 2018

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

Superintendent Toops advised the Annual Highway Operational Report was complete and ready for the Commissioners' signatures.

Mechanic Foreman Kissell advised the 3 new single axle dump trucks had been ordered.

District Foremen reported they were repairing potholes and replacing culverts to get the roads ready for chip and seal.

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 Linville moved to reconvene the meeting with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes and Commissioner Stutler opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag. Commissioners Stutler, Linville, Stratton, Auditor Wagner, and County Attorney Ertel were in attendance.

Maintenance—Mr. John Lohrum

Mr. Lohrum advised he had received two quotes for the annex parking lot lights including adding a light for the flag.

Laker--\$5125.73 (The amount shown was corrected from the miscalculated amount of \$9730.00 reported during the meeting.)

Lohrum—Proposal 1-\$3550.00

Proposal 2-\$8150.00

Proposal 3-\$3400.00

Commissioner Stratton moved to accept Proposal 1 from Lohrum Electric for \$3550.00. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Health Dept.—Ms. Holley Rose

Ms. Rose presented the commissioners with the requests to replace two positions on the Health Board. Mr. Jason Smith and Ms. Tonya Stepleton effective 5/7/2018 and expiring 12/31/2020.

Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the requests with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

County Attorney Ertel—

Attorney Ertel presented the commissioners with the independent contractor contract with Ripley County and Ms. Liz Baumgartner to provide election services for their review and signature.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve and sign the contract with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Sheriff—Sheriff Cumberworth

Sheriff Cumberworth presented the quote to provide a phone at the Courthouse Security Station from Enhanced Telecommunications Corporation for a maximum of \$825.00.

Commissioner Stratton moved to accept the quote with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Next was the quote for providing a split HVAC system for the IT room at the Jail.

Hirt & Ellco, Inc.--\$5575.35 w/o sales tax

Dunlap Gen. Contractors--\$5950.00 w/o sales tax

Zimmer Heating and Cooling--\$5485.00 w/o sales tax

Commissioner Stratton moved to accept the quote from Dunlap Gen. Contractors for \$5950.00 as they have worked on the Jail system and provided quality work. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Next was the discussion for the False Alarm Ordinance to allow the Sheriff to bill for continued false alarms they respond to on individual residences and businesses.

Commissioner Stratton moved to approve Ordinance 2018-01 with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes. Will go into force June 1, 2018

The Sheriff again brought up the overtime and requested the Sheriff Department Law Enforcement Exemption, section 7 (k) that required the jailers and deputies to exceed 86 hours in a 14 day pay period before receiving 1 ½ times rate of pay for overtime be deleted from the Employee Handbook and 1 ½ times rate of pay be paid for anything over 40 hours per week.

Commissioner Statton moved to rescind the Law Enforcement Exemption Rule and overtime pay would be for anything over 40 hours per week. This would take affect with the 5/13/2018 pay period. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Prosecutor—Brief on summer interns—Mr. Shane Tucker

Mr. Tucker provided the commissioners with resumes for Terrill Rae Luhrsen and Brittany Ellis. The commissioners thanked him for the courtesy.

Court Services—Mr. Shannon Schmaltz—New Hire Vacation

Mr. Schmaltz advised they had been having a problem competing with the surrounding counties when trying to hire new people since Ripley County did not provide vacation in the first 12 months of employment. He stated the Judges had instructed him to provide

vacation time for any new hires and he had informed Auditor Wagner. Auditor Wagner then stated to the commissioners that there was no authority for him to enter the requested vacation time without the commissioners changing the Employee Handbook to allow this and had instructed his staff to follow the handbook until it was resolved.

Mr. Schmaltz then provided some statistics of the surrounding counties for consideration. Commissioner Linville moved to table the matter until the May 21, 2018. Commissioner Stratton seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Robert Buchanan—Dog Problem

Mr. Buchanan appeared and stated he had called the Sheriff Department several times with complaints on dogs from the neighbor. He stated the dogs came out to the road when he was walking and they were mean. He admitted the “mean” dogs did not come off the neighbors’ property but he wanted something done about them.

Commissioner Stratton advised he would look into the issue.

Auditor Wagner presented the commissioners with the minutes of April 23, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Linville moved to approve with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve the claims with a second from Commissioner Stratton. 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 Linville moved to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

_____ Gary Stutler

_____ Rodney Stratton

_____ Robert Linville

Attest: _____ William Lee Wagner—Ripley County Auditor