

## Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

May 21, 2018

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m. Monday, May 21, 2018 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana. All Commissioners were in attendance as well as Auditor Wagner.

Superintendent Toops advised the phone system was completed 5/17/2018. He also presented a survey from Duke Energy on changing the lighting in the Highway garage to LED.

Mechanic Foreman Kissell advised the hoist assembly on the new tandems were being replaced as the wrong ones were installed from the builder.

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 Stratton 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 advise he had received notice from Lohrum Electric that the LED lights the commissioners had chosen at the previous meeting were no longer available. Commissioner Linville moved to use the next (proposal 3) from him for the \$3400.00 with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

### **Circuit Court--Judge Ryan King & Ms. Wendy Meyer**

Judge King spoke and advised the commissioners that with the installation of a closed circuit TV system installed in his court would cut inmate transport costs for civil and criminal hearings as the Department of Corrections has installed equipment that will allow those inmates to "appear" by closed circuit TV from the location he is incarcerated in. The cost of the equipment and installation is \$4682.96 with Judge King stating he could contribute \$1800.00 from his court budget.

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

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### **County Attorney Ertel—**

Attorney Ertel presented the commissioners with the Amended Protective Order from Cohen and Mallad law firm for the Opioid Litigation. Commissioner Stratton moved to approve Commissioner President Gary Stutler to sign the agreement. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

### **EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose**

Mr. Rose advised the commissioners that EMA had a repeater antenna on the Osgood water tower and the Town of Osgood had requested it be removed as they were having the tower repainted. He will advise the cost to remove once the quotes are obtained.

### **Court Services—Mr. Shannon Schmaltz—New Hire Vacation**

Mr. Schmaltz presented the commissioners with the vacation, sick, paid time off, etc. for their comparison with Ripley County. He stated Ripley County was the lowest of the surrounding counties and proposed that the current benefits be changed. The commissioners took it under advisement and requested Mr. Schmaltz present the same information to the Council.

### **Ross Run DAR—Plaque Presentation—Ms. Cheryl Welch**

Ms. Welch presented the commissioners with the Plaque honoring the Revolutionary War citizens from Ripley County. It will be displayed in the annex.

### **Mainstreet Versailles/Farmers Market—Ms. Roxanne Meyer/Ms. Holly Harley**

Ms. Meyer and Ms. Harley spoke and requested dates June 2, July 28 and September 22 to use the courthouse square, annex parking lot, and courthouse restrooms for Bicentennial activities and the Farmers Market. The commissioners granted their approval. Permission was also granted to video the interior of the courthouse for a film of historical value. There would be not be any interruption of the courthouse activities and they will coordinate with the courts.

### **Mr. Arthur Large—water problem in Cross Plains**

Mr. Large informed the commissioners that there was a major problem in Cross Plains on his property with surface water drainage that has been caused by a drainage line being cut off. Also he advised the State Health Department along with the County Health Department had been out and taken samples of the water standing as he felt it was sewage seepage from the septic next door.

He was advised that unless the water problem was due to the neighbors stopping the natural flow of drainage the commissioners had no jurisdiction. If he felt that was the cause he could make a petition to the drainage board through the Auditor's Office. He is to advise once the water samples results are received.

Auditor Wagner presented the commissioners with a request from the Versailles Lions for the use of the Courthouse grounds and restrooms June 23, 2018 for their annual chicken BBQ. The commissioners granted this request.

The commissioners reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding between Ripley County Emergency Management and Tyson Activity Center and Commissioner Stutler signed the agreement.

Also reviewed was a letter from Jennings County to determine if there was any interest of surrounding counties of a regional jail as part of their due diligence. The commissioners took no action on the letter.

Auditor Wagner presented the commissioners with the minutes of May 7, 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 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