

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting
May 23, 2016

The Commissioners meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m., Monday, May 23, 2016 at the Ripley County Highway Department, Osgood, Indiana.

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

Superintendent Heaton advised Flatland Farms had requested a 75cent increase for the hauling of cinders. The commissioners did not feel the price of fuel had raised enough to warrant this request. Commissioner Busching moved to NOT approve the increase with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

The Special LOIT distribution funds were discussed and a plan to use the funds over a two year period was presented. The topic of the matching funding available was also discussed and it was decided that before anything was determined the Foremen and Commissioners would attend a meeting on May 26, 2016 on what was necessary to apply for the matching funding.

Foreman Kissell advised there were no matching funds available in the current budget to apply for the grant for a new road broom. The grant cycle and where matching funds could come from will need to be discussed.

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

ETC Phone Company—Doug 8:11:40

The commissioners were briefed on the installation of fiber optic line in Versailles by ETC Phone Company. They proposed putting the Courthouse, Jail, & Annex on it for phone, internet, and long distance. Commissioner Busching moved to take under advisement with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose 8:23:50

Mr. Rose provided updates on grants, the current weather booster project and a general update for his office. He obtained signatures for The Ripley County Government Continuity Plan, The Ripley County Continuation of Government, and The Ripley County Chief Elected Officials Promulgation.

Assessor—Ms. Shawna Bushhorn

Ms. Bushhorn requested approval for an employee to fill her open position. However until the person is contacted and accepts the job she did not want to reveal her name to protect her in her current job. The commissioners advised upon acceptance they would approve the request.

Auditor Wagner advised the commissioners they needed to address the annex generator issue. A second quote from Leff-Co Electric Inc had been received to change the breaker on the generator to a 125 amp breaker, run a ground wire between the generator and the panel, and changing the 100 amp breaker in the panes to a 60 amp breaker. His quote was \$1341.00.

Commissioner Busching then moved to approve the quote from Glenwood Electric for \$1090.00 with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Sheriff—Sheriff Jeff Cumberworth 8:57:50

Sheriff Cumberworth advised the tech committee had recommended purchase of a new copier for booking for \$409.99. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the purchase with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Next he provided a quote from Light Tech General Contracting to replace the exterior lighting and remaining interior lighting that had not been replaced. The Total project cost would be \$6923.00 with a rebate from Duke of \$1095.00 for a net cost to the county of \$5828.00. Commissioners did not approve the quote.

The railing and stairway from the second floor to the ground level was discussed and the Sheriff was instructed to get estimates for painting and repairs needed for that and the railing along the front of the Sheriff Office entry as well.

BREAK—9:19:25

Probation—Mr. Shannon Schmaltz

Mr. Schmaltz appeared to discuss a claim he was requesting be paid for an Amazon Line of Credit for \$1000.00 he had established in the name of Ripley County Court Services. Auditor Wagner had denied the claim as there had been no authority provided Mr. Schmaltz by the commissioners to establish the line of credit. After discussion Commissioner Linville moved to approve the Amazon Line of Credit for no more than \$1000.00. Commissioner Busching seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Ms. Carol Berry 9:40:45

Ms. Berry requested use of the courthouse lawn for a short gathering for a group of people. She was advised the courthouse was public property and belonged to the people of the county and the commissioners had no objection.

Prosecutor—Mr. Ric Hertel

Mr. Hertel advised the commissioners he wished to hire another summer intern and requested approval of Mr. Doug Amberger. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Economic Development-Mr. Gary Norman and Mr. Don Call --Town of Milan

Mr. Norman and Mr. Call spoke to the commissioners about obtaining EDIT funds to help with Pike Lumber and the expansion of the business. They were requesting up to \$75,000.00 from the county EDIT funds. Commissioner Busching moved to take the request under advisement to determine funds available. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

10:00:00—Mr. Donald Dunbar

Mr. Dunbar expressed concern with the drug problem in the county and questioned what was being done and where funds to combat the problem could be obtained. He was advised the Ripley County Drug Awareness Coalition had programs as well as the Probation Department that were being funded.

BREAK—10:06:39

EMS—Mr. Scott Huffman

Mr. Huffman advised the income from the transfer service was up and expenses down. He has made many changes that brought down the expenses such as NOT staffing the second ambulance for the transfer service unless needed. Also, supplies are bought in quantity and competitive pricing requested. This has reduced the supplies expense drastically.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the minutes of the May 9, 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. 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 Busching moved to recess to 1:00 pm in the annex meeting room for the EMA Advisory Board meeting with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

1:00 EMA Advisory Board Meeting

After the business meeting of the EMA Advisory Board was complete the commissioners has no additional business to attend to and Commissioner Linville moved to adjourn the Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Busching seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

_____ Gary Stutler

_____ Mark Busching

_____ Robert Linville

Attest: _____ William Lee Wagner, Auditor Ripley County