

## Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

June 4, 2018

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m. Monday, June 4, 2018 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana. All Commissioners were in attendance as well as Auditor Wagner.

Superintendent Toops advised the county had damaged some field tile drains while replacing a culvert in the area of 650 N and 750 W. He had agreed with the property owner, Mr. Larry Huffmeyer, to reimburse him for \$500.00.

Mr. Huffmeyer appeared and presented a bill for \$1900.97 and stated he had to reroute his drains as the replacement culvert was higher than the old culvert and he had to raise his drains. He was now requesting the full cost. The commissioners advised they would make a decision during the annex portion of the meeting.

Mr. Toops also advised the revised Asset Management Plan was ready for signature to go to LTAP. He stated that there would be a cost involved for the work provided by USI for the new plan.

Foreman DeBurger stated he had received a request from Mr. Dan Thompson to have a road closed.

District Foremen reported they were continuing to repair potholes and replace 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 Linville. 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 not received any response from Patterson Nursery on the lawn care applications. He had no other issues to bring before the commissioners.

### **EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose**

Mr. Rose presented the Memorandum of Understanding for the Milan and JCD Schools and EMA for emergencies. Also the Hazard Mitigation Plan was presented. Commissioner Stutler signed those.

Mr. Rose requested approval to submit a grant request to State Homeland Security for cradle points for law enforcement. Commissioner Linville moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Mr. Rose then requested approval to fund Nixel mass notification from the EMPG-C grant to EMA. Commissioner Linville moved to approve this request with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Technology—Mrs. Kelly Vollet**

Ms. Vollet advised the phone installation for the Courthouse Security location was to be done.

The Open Control Systems monitoring contract was discussed and she stated they had not been providing reports as the contract specified. She recommended that the contract be voided and no further payments be made.

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**Preventive Maintenance Quotes:**

Quotes from Dunlap General and Mechanical Contractors (\$1125.00 per month) and QPH (\$997.00 per month) were reviewed. Commissioner Linville moved to accept the quote from QPH for \$997.00 per month for the annex and courthouse. Commissioner Stratton seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

**Sheriff—Sheriff Cumberworth**

Sheriff Cumberworth advised the commissioners of the new jailer hire, Mr. Chase Holton, who started 5/29/2018. He had no other issues to discuss.

**SpyGlass—Mr. John Finucan**

Mr. Finucan presented the service provided by his company. The review phone bills for taxes that should not be charged to government agencies, land lines and cell lines no longer being used, and all discounts available are being received. He is to provide the commissioners with a contract to review.

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

Mr. Schmaltz again appeared before the commissioners to continue the discussion of providing new hires additional paid days in order to retain qualified candidates for county positions.

Options such as vacation days available immediately, personal days, and changing the vacation earned matrix to more levels than currently provided. The discussion ended with the commissioners advising they would investigate further and provide an answer at the June 18, 2018 meeting.

**Highway—Superintendent Toops**

Mr. Toops advised the commissioners they had received the fuel prices quote and it was higher than the current contract in place. They decided to not make any change at this time.

Also, with counsel from Attorney Ertel, the culvert replacement that damaged field tile drains for Mr. Larry Huffmeyer was discussed. Commissioner Linville moved to approve payment to Mr. Huffmeyer for a maximum of \$750.00 with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes. Superintendent Toops was instructed to contact Mr. Huffmeyer.

### **Mr. Arthur Large**

Mr. Large advised the commissioners that the State water samples had been received and they showed the standing water contained e coli. The State was to do further dye tests to find the source.

Mr. Large also questioned a driveway that allowed him access to the back of his property. He stated that he had found that it was a vacated alley. He was advised that in this case the property reverted back to the original property owner and this was a civil issue that would not involve the commissioners.

### **MISC:**

Attorney Ertel provided the commissioners with a letter of response to Jennings County in their inquiry of a regional jail. Commissioner Stratton moved to approve Commissioner President Stutler to sign on behalf of Ripley County. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Auditor Wagner advised the commissioners of an email received from Southern Scripts that reviewed the first quarter 2018 for the medications used by the employees. It showed usage of generic medications were 85.9% and the cost of medications had decreased dramatically since switching to Southern Scripts. This could lead to a substantial savings from the previous year.

Also the quote from Koorsen Fire was reviewed and was not significantly different than the current cost from CINTAS. They commissioners made no change at this time.

Auditor Wagner presented the commissioners with the minutes of May 21, 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