

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting  
June 5, 2017

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m. Monday, June 5, 2017 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana. All Commissioners were in attendance as well as Auditor Wagner.

Ms. Sherri Hines, USI Consultants, attended the meeting to inform the commissioners USI would help with the applications for the Road Grant funding from INDOT. She provided documentation of how the grant would work. The grant is based on the total of the project/s submitted. Based on the population of Ripley County the grant would provide 75% of the project approved up to a maximum of \$1,000,000.00. The county share would be 25%. This is less funding needed by the county than the original statement that they would only provide a 75% match of the funds provided by the county. The county needs to provide applications for projects totaling \$1,333,333.34 to be eligible for the \$1,000,000 grant from the State if the total projects are approved by the State.

Superintendent Toops stated contact had been made to try to change the GPS directions for semi truck/trailers to turn on Michigan Road to keep the commercial trucks off of Michigan Road, from Napoleon to US 421, and doing damage to the cemetery at Napoleon and the bridges on Michigan Road.

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. Commissioner Stutler, Linville, and Stratton, County Attorney Ertel, and Auditor Wagner were in attendance.

**Maintenance—Mr. John Lohrum 8:13:00**

Mr. Lohrum advised the courthouse electric breaker box and system should be inspected and the breakers cleaned for optimum efficiency and the commissioners should consider this in the 2018 budget.

Also he provided the commissioners with 3 quotes for the preventive maintenance at the courthouse and annex. QPH--\$11,964.00 per year billed \$997.00 monthly-----Bright Sheet Metal Co. Inc--\$13,205.00 per year billed quarterly-----Choice Mechanical Services--\$12,814.00 per year.

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

**Coroner—Deputy Coroner Jason Smith**

Mr. Smith appeared to request the ok from the commissioners to apply to the Rising Sun Regional Foundation for a grant to purchase 2 power cots, one for the coroner and one for the EMS. Total cost of two power cots were quoted at \$27,000.00. The commissioners advised to apply but cautioned they would need to come up with some matching funds as usually requested by RSRF for the grants.

**Clerk—Ms. Ginger Bradford**

Ms. Bradford requested the commissioners provide chair mats for the new offices in the annex and the Clerk offices in the courthouse. She was advised to provide 2 or 3 quotes for consideration.

**Assessor—Ms. Shawna Bushhorn**

Ms. Bushhorn provided the commissioners with the renewal contract from Tyler Technologies as the only bid received for the 4 year Cyclical Reassessment beginning 2018. Total price for the 4 year cycle \$664,272.00 paid as completed over the 4 years. Commissioner Stratton moved to accept the bid with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet 8:52:45**

Ms. Vollet advised ETC was to get the phones in the new annex offices connected to the system this week.

**Surveyor—Mr. Jeff French**

Mr. French provided the commissioners with a request of approval for Ms. Christina Herbert to fill the position open in the Surveyor's office with a start date of 6/19/2017. Commissioner Linville moved to approve with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**BREAK—9:34:26**

**EMA—Ms. Holley Rose 9:52:00**

Ms. Rose, at the request of Mr. Patrick Rose-EMA Director- provided the commissioners with the Proclamation and Continuity of Government forms for their signature.

Superintendent Toops of the Highway Garage advised the commissioners that the bid for salvage on the pickup being disposed of was minimal. Commissioner Linville moved that since the condition of the truck did not allow it to be safely operated on the roads it should be sold for salvage. Commissioner Stratton seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Auditor Wagner presented the commissioners with the request to reappoint Ms. Brenda Wetzler to the Public Defender Board for a term through 12/31/2019. Commissioner

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

Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2017 meeting with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve the claims as presented 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.

Also signed was the Vision Insurance contract provided by APEX Brokers.

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