

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting
June 6, 2016

The Commissioners meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m., Monday, June 6, 2016 at the Ripley County Highway Department, Osgood, Indiana.

Commissioners Stutler, Busching and Linville were present as well as Auditor Wagner. Foreman Steve Schonegg advised the Napoleon Lutheran Cemetery had called and the barrier wall had been hit again and they were questioning why the county did not get called out over a weekend to fix it. He advised the cemetery the barrier wall was constructed on the cemetery property and is NOT on county property and therefore NOT the responsibility of the county to fix it.

Commissioner Linville stated the INDOT presenter at the meetings held for information on the Special LOIT Distribution Funds. He stated the presenter for INDOT stated these funds COULD NOT be used for the matching money to apply for the grant. However the literature INDOT put out states it can. This will be investigated to determine which is correct.

The grant for the road broom was discussed and where the matching funds would come from for it.

With no further business to discuss Commissioner Linville moved to recess to the annex meeting room. Commissioner Busching 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.

Maintenance—Mr. John Lohrum 8:00:25

Mr. Lohrum stated the courthouse roof is to be worked on this month, weather permitting. Also the mulching is progressing and an additional load is needed.

EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose 8:07:18

Mr. Rose advised he had nothing new and was wrapping up on the grants.

Auditor:

Auditor Wagner presented the Tax Sale Addendum from SRI for consideration. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the addendum with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Auditor Wagner then presented the commissioners with 3 new hire requests for EMS at the request of Mr. Scott Huffman who was unable to attend the meeting. The requests were for Mr. Stephen Marks, Ms. Amber Francis, and Ms. Melanie Flodder.

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

Next was the request from the Osgood Library to appoint Ms. Mary Lou Schwipps to replace Ms. Shirley Boccock 8/1/2016 when her term ends.

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

Next item was the Generator issue at the annex. Per an email from Mr. Don Stoppeworth of Glenwood Electric the breakers in the inside panel for the generator did not need to be changed as installing a 125 amp breaker on the generator would not allow any more than 125 amp to be drawn.

Commissioner Busching moved to replace the generator breaker with a 125 amp breaker, and install a ground wire from the generator and inside panel. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet

Ms. Vollet appeared with a representative from ETC. The ETC representative advised the fiber optic cable they are installing in Versailles will be 50mb which is faster than now provided by Comcast. It would be available for the Jail, 911, Annex, and Courthouse. It will provide Internet and Phone service. Comcast would remain as a backup for the present time. He stated that in exchange for a 5 year contract they would waive all installation costs.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the agreement once reviewed by the county attorney and approved. He also stipulated this would require a review at the end of 12 months of the reliability of the ETC service and if the service reliability warranted at that time removing Comcast as backup. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

BREAK 8:46:10

Probation/Court Services—Mr. Shannon Schmaltz 8:57:15

Mr. Schmaltz advised a wall was needed in the room used by Community Services. This would be inside the door on the east side of the room and would create a small area to place the postage machine and safe as well as provide a space for the Security personnel for storage. He had obtained quotes from H. Jason Lyness for \$988.00 and from Southgate

Construction, LLC. for \$1200.00. He stated there were funds available from Community Correction for the construction.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the quote from H. Jason Lyness for \$988.00 with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes. Funds are to come from Community Correction.

Next he discussed inside the west doorway to the Community Corrections room to create an entrance and wall off the interview/office area. He stated the funding for this would be coming from a grant.

Next he advised he needed Data Ports and Internet Connections installed for additional office and desk space. He had received a quote from H.O.P. Communications for \$830.00. He stated that Community Corrections would pay \$277.00 of the bill leaving the balance of \$553.00 to be paid by the commissioners.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes. Funds are to come from Riverboat Wagering.

Sheriff—Sheriff Jeff Cumberworth 9:22:22

Sheriff Cumberworth presented the commissioners with a request to hire Mr. Dillon Davidson as a new hire (starting 6/13/2016) replacing a jailer that was accepted into the Indiana Conservation Officer Program. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Sheriff Cumberworth advised the natural gas water heater in the jail needed a new exhaust fan installed to vent fumes. Commissioner Busching moved to have him obtain a second quote for the work, call Commissioner President Stutler, and President Stutler would approve the lowest quote. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Sheriff Cumberworth advised the Integrator had gone down again and has been patched up to work. He will be requesting funds to replace in the 2017 budget.

He also advised the Spillman changeover has revealed the 911 computers do not have fast enough processors and storage to operate with the Spillman system. He presented the commissioners with a quote to replace the computers and purchase an additional monitor with necessary adapters for \$3931.00.

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

Last, the replacement of the outside light by Light Tech was discussed and Mr. Darren Wood had stated to the Sheriff that there would be NO additional cost to the county to change these over. Commissioner Busching moved to approve based on this information then withdrew his motion requesting Mr. Wood appear at the next meeting and provide clarification since this statement and the quote provided previously contradicted one another.

SIRPC—Ms. Kerri McConnell

Ms. McConnell provided the commissioners with a letter of commitment for \$5000.00 for signature for a \$350,000.00 grant through SIRPC that would allow rehab on owner occupied homes for low income families.

Parks—Mr. Ken Bowling and Mr. Owen Menchhofer

Mr. Bowling provided quotes from Lohrum Electric for \$7500. And R.C. Electric for \$7950.00 to provide a new 200 amp service for the cattle barn and rewire the building. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the quote from Lohrum Electric for \$7500.00 with the stipulation he provided 45 day after completion of the job and claim submission to allow for the procedure of the county in paying claims. Also any changes in the quote would need to be approved and presented in writing. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Mr. Bowling then advised the drainage project had caused concrete to be removed and blacktop damaged and requested funds to repair the concrete and blacktop. The commissioners stated they would look at the damage to determine what could be done.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the minutes of the May 23, 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 adjourn with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

_____ Gary Stutler

_____ Mark Busching

_____ Robert Linville

Attest: _____ William Lee Wagner, Auditor Ripley County