

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

June 18, 2018

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m. Monday, June 18, 2018 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana. All Commissioners were in attendance as well as Auditor Wagner.

Superintendent Toops advised USI would have the Asset Management Plan ready for signatures by 6/23/2018. The Community Crossing Grants applications will be taken starting August, 2018.

He also stated Daren Wood had provided an estimate for the changing of lighting at the highway garage with two options. The commissioners took them under advisement along with the Duke Smart Watt Saver estimate.

Mechanic Foreman Kissell reported the Surveyor's car had an engine problem that was not worth fixing. Insurance to be removed and vehicle sold.

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 Linville 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 advised he had heard from Patterson's Nursery and would be receiving a quote for the lawn care. He advised a couple of trees at courthouse were showing signs of issues and would need to be watched and maybe treated to save them.

Surveyor—Mr. Jeff French

Mr. French advised the car was no longer running and questioned what the commissioners could do to provide another. At this time there is no vehicles available and they would look into the procurement of another with the help of Mr. French.

Technology—Mrs. Kelly Vollet

Ms. Vollet advised the phone system for the security station in the courthouse was going to be more than anticipated and she had contacted Integrated Partners to see what they advised for installation. She was also looking into other options including an intercom installation.

BREAK—8:52:17

Sheriff—Sheriff Cumberworth

Sheriff Cumberworth advised Spillman had provided Batesville Police with a presentation for their department and they were going to use Spillman's program at their cost. The program would be run on Ripley County Sheriff's server.

Mr. Randy Broughton—Waterway Issue

Mr. Broughton advised he owned a property between State Road 350 and Old Mill Road in Milan. The property is in the Town of Milan. He stated the Town of Milan and the School was not maintaining the natural waterway and it has grown up in briars and trees that restrict the flow of water and it now backs up on his property.

He was advised by County Attorney Ertel to file a petition with the Ripley County Drainage Board.

Court Services—Mr. Shannon Schmaltz

Mr. Schmaltz appeared to continue the discussion from previous meetings on the revision of the vacation policy and other benefits currently being offered to county employees. The reluctance to change the current vacation benefit at this time was noted and the commissioners expressed their agreement that personal days could be considered.

Commissioner Stratton then moved to revise the Ripley County Employee Handbook effective 1/1/2019 as follows: Employees would earn 1 personal day every 4 months and could accumulate no more than 5 total personal days. Commissioner Linville seconded.

There was further discussion at this time. After this discussion Commissioner Stratton withdrew his motion and no vote was taken.

Drug Free Communities—Ms. Sara Patterson

Ms. Patterson provide the commissioners with the review of the grants they awarded by the Local Drug Free Community Council. She advised she would be submitting the claim for the recipients.

Parks—Mr. Ken Bowling

Mr. Bowling advised the A/C in the Park office had quite working and needed to be replaced. He was advised to get quotes.

EMS—Mr. Scott Huffman

Mr. Huffman advised the commissioners that he was hiring a part time medic, Kendall Bear.

Auditor Wagner advised the commissioners that he had received a request from Enterprise Fleet Management to manage the county fleet. They had provided case studies but they

were from New York and Pennsylvania. The commissioners stated they had no interest at this time.

Also Auditor Wagner addressed the current credit card policy that required each office to check out the card to make the charge providing the Auditor with documentation, amount, etc. He addressed the issue that some of the charges were for items that had a recurring monthly payment for a service (eg: storage of computer files) that required a monthly payment and were set up for automatic payment to a credit card.

This was discussed and the commissioners agreed that as long as the charges were business related this would be allowable. County Attorney Ertel is to make revisions to the credit card policy. Also being revised is the limit per billing cycle made by any particular office or department.

Auditor Wagner presented the commissioners with the minutes of June 4, 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