

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting
June 19, 2017

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m. Monday, June 19, 2017 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana. All Commissioners were in attendance as well as Auditor Wagner.

Superintendent Toops advised the blacktop for the projects being submitted for the Community Crossings Grant Funds had to be bid for each project.

Foreman David Brunner advised Bridge 22 should be open by w/o 6/26/2017.

There was a discussion on an accident that a vehicle missed a turn and drove into a driveway and ran into a pond. The county will investigate to see what the problem was and provide additional signage if needed.

With no further business to attend, Commissioner Linville moved to recess to the annex. Commissioner Stratton 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 discussed the possible need for a battery backup for the servers so they do not go down when the generator is checked.

Clerk—Ms. Ginger Bradford

Ms. Bradford advised the commissioners the election board requested the purchase of the E Poll Books for the coming elections. Quote was approximately \$42,650.00 and she was making changes to the elections process to reduce costs to offset the funding needed. By purchasing the E Poll Books it would reduce the cost for poll workers, poll books, and ballots. She advised she would be talking with the Council for approval.

Next she requested the commissioners purchase 10 floor chair mats for her offices at \$65.00 each, total \$650.00. Commissioner Linville moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose 8:20:00

Mr. Rose provided the commissioners with the training module for the ADA training and the Continuity of Government Plan.

The rough draft for the ordinance keeping commercial vehicles off County Road 850N and Michigan Road to stop the road damage and damage to property along the road was discussed. Commissioner Linville moved to table the ordinance until the next meeting with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet

Ms. Vollet advised the commissioners that the battery backup was essential to guarantee the server did not “go down” when the electrical system is shut down to check the generator. She advised it should not be more than \$1500.00 to purchase the batteries. Commissioner Linville moved to purchase the batteries with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Ms. Vollet also advised the hardware and keys for the new office doors had been received and would be installed.

EMS—Mr. Scott Huffman

Mr. Huffman brought 4 new employee applications for the commissioners to look at. Commissioner Stratton moved to approve Ms. Ashley Arbuckle, Mr. James Ward, Mr. Randy Hornsby, and Ms. Cassandra Hornsby. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

BREAK—9:17:18

Parks—Mr. Kenny Bowling 9:30:25

Mr. Bowling stated the gravel parking lot needed more gravel. He was advised the highway garage would look at it to see if grading would help first.

He also advised the commissioners Mr. Andrew Adams was hired as the caretaker and Ms. Clarissa Cairns as summer help.

Food Pantry—Mr. Bill Warren

Mr. Warren advised the commissioners that one of the suppliers to the food pantry requested the lease with the county and food pantry be extended to run through December 2022. Commissioner Linville moved to extend the lease to 12/31/2022 with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Health Department—Ms. Vicky Powell 10:02:43

Ms. Powell advised the commissioners the health department had received a two year \$70,000.00 tobacco grant to hire a part time employee to coordinate the tobacco cessation effort.

Highway Department—Superintendent Ray Toops

Mr. Toops advised the commissioners a letter of commitment was needed from the county to verify the funds for the match of the Community Crossing Grant were committed and being held for the match only.

Tourism—Ms. Katherine Taul

Ms. Taul advised the commissioners the Indiana Landmarks Division wanted to add the Busching Covered Bridge, Otter Creek Covered Bridge, and the 4 Stone Arch Bridge in the Friendship area to the Register of Historic Places. Commissioner Linville moved to approve with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Auditor Wagner advised the commissioners that Sheriff Cumberworth had requested direction on disposal of the Dodge Durango. Commissioner Linville stated a commissioner should drive the vehicle and if in better shape than the Tahoe currently being used by the commissioners and Assessor be kept and the Tahoe be sold. Commissioner Stratton is to do the test drive.

Auditor Wagner presented the commissioners with a request from the “Indiana State Fire Marshall Office for a limited use agreement of the GIS system for Fire and EMS boundary layers. Commissioner Linville moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2017 meeting with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the claims as presented with a second from Commissioner Linville. 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