

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

July 01, 2019

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 8:00 a.m. Monday, July 01, 2019 at the Ripley County Annex Building, Versailles, Indiana. Commissioner Stratton, Commissioner Stutler and Commissioner Horstman were in attendance as well as Attorney Ertel and Auditor Copeland.

Commissioner Stratton opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag.

EMA – Mr. Shawn Alvavado

Mr. Alvavado was in to give the commissioners an update on the EMA office. He stated that he got the ford explorer fixed and that he and the volunteer staff have went over updates and goals for the office. Commissioner Horstman made a motion for the ADA position to be classified as a Volunteer position within the EMA director job, Commissioner Stutler 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3 yes.

Coroner – Jason Bailey

Mr. Jason Smith, Mr. Bailey's Deputy, was in to ask about purchasing a shredder for the coroner's office. The commissioners asked him to get 2 quotes for the shredder and bring them back in. Mr. Smith also made the commissioners aware that the State Department of Health & Clinical Records are changing some things in the coroner's office to be electronic. This will be they will have to purchase either a tablet or lab top for their coroner's van.

Sheriff Department – Mr. Jeff Cumberworth

Mr. Cumberworth let the commissioners know that he had a freezer go out and Dunlap came right away and fixed it. Mr. Cumberworth also let the commissioners know that he is trying to find a 2nd bid for the work release room that he would like to put in.

Technology – Ms. Kelly Vollet

Ms. Vollet came in to give an update on the lighting strike of the courthouse. Everyone is now up and running with at least temporary equipment till the new equipment comes in.

Highway Department – Mr. Ray Toops

Mr. Toops stated that the highway got the highway garage Annual Operations Report submitted. Mr. Toops stated that they are working on the covered bridge. Chip and Sealing is going on in the county. Mr. Toops is also meeting with GKL today about the widening of the road. Commissioners stated that it needed to be at 3 feet on each side.

EMS – Scott Huffman

Mr. Ertel let the commissioners know that a revised agreement was sent to Keith Sieverding for the merge of Rescue 69 and Ripley County EMS.

Miscellaneous

Executive Session from June 17, 2019: Commissioner Horstman made the motion that Employee #1 receive Group 1- First offense discipline. (Verbal and Written Warning); and that Employee #2 receive Group 2 First offense discipline. (Verbal and Written Warning, with a 3 day suspension without pay) Further, that both written warnings be purged from their files as of July 1, 2020 provided there are no further incidents, as precedence for such expungement exists. Commissioner Stutler 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3 yes.

Sarah Patterson was in about the Drug Awareness Coalition Grant of \$23,000.00. She stated that \$5,500.00 will go to Prevention/Education, \$5,500.00 will go to Law Enforcement, \$5,500.00 will go to Treatment and \$5,500.00 will go to the Administration.

Fleet Enterprises was in to give a presentation on vehicles for the county garage.

Auditor Copeland presented the commissioners with the minutes of the June 17, 2019 meeting Commissioner Horstman made the motion to approve the minutes with a second from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Auditor Copeland presented the commissioners with the Executive Session minutes of the June 17, 2019 meeting Commissioner Horstman made the motion to approve the minutes with a second from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Horstman moved to approve the claims with a 2nd from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed with 3 yes.

The Commissioners signed the Payroll Vouchers, Claim Vouchers, and Claims being paid from the commissioners' budget.

With no further business to attend, Commissioner Stutler moved to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Horstman. Motion passed 3 yes.

Rodney Stratton

Rodney Stratton, President

Gary Stutler

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Mark Horstman

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Assts: *Amy R Copeland*

Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor