

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting  
July 3, 2017

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m. Monday, July 3, 2017 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana. All Commissioners were in attendance as well as Auditor Wagner.

Superintendent Toops advised the grant applications for the Community Crossings Grant through INDOT had been submitted. He expects a decision by end of August.

Foreman David Brunner advised Bridge 22 has been opened.

Foreman Huntington advised they were doing ditching etc to get ready for chip and seal.

Commissioner Linville advised he had attended the meeting with INDOT about the recurring problem at the cemetery on 421 in Napoleon. He advised the State of Indiana was to survey the property/easement lines to see where the actual lines were. They would take out the turn lane next to the cemetery and put up a guardrail to keep tractor trailers from using the turn lane to attempt a turn onto County Road 850N to access Michigan Road. Also INDOT will prepare signage stating No Commercial traffic and use could be subject to a fine of up to \$1000.00. Additionally INDOT had contacted google maps to have the notice of the possible fine appear on the maps.

Foreman Kissell advised the Rising Sun Regional Foundation had approved \$20,000.00 for the purchase of new trucks and he would start the order process.

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

**Maintenance—Mr. John Lohrum 8:01:17**

Mr. Lohrum advised he had received a quote to seal the leak on the annex roof. He was advised to obtain additional quotes and to call Bruns Gutzweiller who was the general contractor for the annex as this has been an ongoing problem from the first year and has not been resolved.

Mr. David Drew of QPH addressed the issues with the boiler in the annex. It was determined the control board on the boiler was bad and is on order. Also he had been in

contact with OCS who is monitoring the system and will replace some sensors on the offices to correct issues of not reading the temps in the offices correctly.

**Clerk—Ms. Ginger Bradford 8:18:00**

Ms. Bradford advised she had renegotiated reduced maintenance fees for the EPoll Pads.

**EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose 8:20:00**

Mr. Rose advised the Rising Sun Regional Foundation had granted \$7000.00 to the EMA for purchasing encrypted radios.

**Sheriff—8:46:33**

Sheriff Cumberworth advised a camera had to be moved for coverage and cost was \$970.00. He requested direction on how the commissioners wished to dispose of the old recording equipment as it was ready for disposal. He was advised to have it listed on the county auction site.

**8:53:04—BREAK**

**Village of Friendship—Ms. Robin Dyer 9:09:55**

Ms. Dyer provided the commissioners with the proposed change on the operation of the National Muzzel Loaders Rifle Association range in Friendship. She expressed concerns and opposition on behalf of several of the citizens of Friendship. These included the safety of the use of the range for modern firearms, the behavior of the participants of the two National Muzzel loaders Shoots, late night noise, and golf cart speeds on the highway. She also presented the commissioners with signed petitions of those opposing the change in the use of the range. She advised the local government could regulate a shooting range as outlined in IC14-22-31.5-4. Attorney Ertel advised the commissioners against regulation by the county as it would include many other ranges as well and the county had never exercised this in the past.

Ms. Dyer was advised to research further into the possibility of an agreement being negotiated by the courts and NMLRA in the past and advise the commissioners if she is successful. She was also advised her group should proceed with any avenues they felt they needed to pursue up to and including legal filings.

**Town of Versailles----Mr. Kevin Hensley 10:34:07**

Mr. Hensley stated the drainage behind the annex was not carrying the amount of water recently received and stated he felt it was plugged up. He will obtain a backhoe and get it dug out. The county will assist in purchasing the rip rap and hauling it to the location.

Mr. Lippard presented the commissioners with pictures of the property his mother lives at and showed how the water had flooded her basement. He was willing to see if the solution of digging out the drainage behind the annex would solve the problem.

A discussion of taking the annex lot drain to another location as a solution was also entertained.

Auditor Wagner reminded the commissioners the parking lot had retention built under it to release the overflow of water slowly so it did not flood the drainage behind the annex. No decision will be made until after the sink hole is dug out and new rip rap installed.

**Parks—Mr. Kenny Bowling 10:54:20**

Mr. Bowling provided the commissioners with pictures of the area needing gravel. He was advised to meet with the grader operator to determine where to dump the gravel. Commissioner Linville moved to purchase 5 loads of gravel from the EDIT fund controlled by the commissioners with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Recorder—Ms. Mary Ann McCoy 11:03:45**

Ms. McCoy presented the commissioners with an Ordinance to consider in setting the cost for Bulk Users for copies obtained from the Recorder's Office.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve Ordinance 2017-02 with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**EMS—Mr. Scott Huffman 11:19:54**

Mr. Huffman presented the commissioners with 6 employee applications.

After review the commissioners accepted the applications for Melissa Rork, Ms. Phylcia Gifford, Mr. Spencer Broughton, Ms. Lindsey Brison, Mr. John Brison, and Ms. Mackenzie Phillips.

A discussion on when payroll packets with paychecks would be ready ensued with Commissioner Stratton providing a motion to release them after 8:00 am on payroll day. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes. Auditor Wagner advised them after talking with the staff in the Auditor's Office that additional information was put into the packets as well and requested the time be made after 9:00 am to allow time to prepare the additional information to go into the packets. Commissioner Linville moved to change the time to after 9:00 am with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Attorney Ertel presented the commissioners with an ordinance to limit commercial traffic on Michigan Road and provide a fine for the infraction. Commissioner Stratton moved to approve Ordinance 2107-03 with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes. The ordinance will be published in the Herald Tribune and Versailles Republican and will become effective 30 days from the last published date of 7/7/2017.

**Prosecutor—Mr. Ric Hertel**

Mr. Hertel requested the commissioners provide office equipment for the additional assistant prosecutor he was going to hire. He was advised to check with the Sheriff to see where he received some office furniture.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2017 meeting with a second from Commissioner Stratton. 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.

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