

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting
July 15, 2019

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 8:00 a.m. Monday, July 15, 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 Alvarado

Mr. Alvarado was in to give the commissioners an update on the EMA office. Mr. Alvarado talked to the commissioners about making the position full time. The Commissioners recommended Mr. Alvarado to talk to the council.

Maintenance – Johnnie Lohrum

Mr. Lohrum was in about the chiller problem with the heat exchanger. Dunlap was in and told him what the problem was and was told that Dunlap should just fix it. Mr. Lohrum will be getting quotes for a professional insulator for the pipes in the courthouse.

Sheriff Department – Mr. Jeff Cumberworth

Mr. Cumberworth was in with a new jail hire.

Coroner – Jason Bailey

Mr. Jason Bailey was in about the shredder that he was told to get 2 quotes on. He had a quote from Staples for \$249.99 and Walmart for \$286.99. Mr. Horstman made the motion to purchase the staples shredder from the commissioner's equipment account, Commissioner Stutler 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3 yes.

Probation – Shannon Schmaltz

Mr. Schmaltz was in to ask if he could buy 2 cameras for the hallway in the courthouse 1st floor. Commissioner Horstman made the motion for Mr. Schmaltz to purchase the 2 cameras and to hang them up in the hallway of the 1st floor, Commissioner Stutler 2nd

Highway Department – Mr. Ray Toops

Mr. Toops had a contract with INDOT that needed signed by the commissioners for the closing of SR 101. Commissioner Horstman made the motion to enter into the contract with INDOT for the SR 101 closing, Commissioner Stutler 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3 yes. Mr. Toops also let the commissioners know that the county garage rented a roller from Dave O'mara for a week till they can get their roller

fixed. Mr. Toops also told the commissioners that the cover bridge fix is underway. Mr. Toops also met with GKL campground owners and stated that the road they widened is to county specks and ready for them to put blacktop on it when it settles.

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 and he has heard nothing to this date. Mr. Huffman also talked to the commissioners about the funding for a new ambulance.

Miscellaneous

Marie White was in with the Main Street Versailles about having the annex parking lot on July 27, 2019 from 4-7pm for a car show. They were also wanting permission to use the courthouse bathrooms. The commissioners told The Main Street Versailles yes for both the parking lot and the bathrooms.

Mr. Reed and Mr. Jones were in about their drainage issue. The commissioners asked if the dirt had been removed blocking the drainage issue. The dirt has been moved. The Commissioners told Mr. Reed and Mr. Jones that the other issues they are having need to be handled personally or in a court of law.

USI, Phil Beer, VP & Sharl O'Riley along with Trimble, Todd Jamieson was in to talk to the commissioners about a mounting GPS system on the county garage building. Surveyor Jeff French talked with the IT department for the county and they stated that the wifi would hold the GPS. Commissioner Horstman made the motion to mount the GPS on the county garage building and connect to the wifi there, Commissioner Stutler 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3 yes.

Auditor Copeland presented the commissioners with the minutes of the July 01, 2019 meeting Commissioner Horstman made the motion to approve the minutes with a second from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Stutler moved to approve the claims with a 2nd from Commissioner Horstman. 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 Horstman moved to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Stutler. 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

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