

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

July 16, 2018

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m. Monday, July 16, 2018 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana. All Commissioners were in attendance as well as Auditor Wagner.

Superintendent Toops advised the next application for the Community Crossing Grant is about complete. It is due in August for consideration.

The issue of Hopewell Road East of US 421 was discussed. The sign that was erected was at the request of 911 to help EMS personnel find addresses. The information available will be reviewed by County Attorney Ertel at the annex when Ms. McGuire is present.

The commissioners discussed the theft and vandalism of county road and stop signs being stolen and vandalized. They are requesting the public report those responsible so they can be prosecuted.

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

Maintenance—Mr. John Lohrum

Mr. Lohrum advised the parts for the annex boiler have been ordered. Also the grass has been treated.

BREAK—8:35:34

Technology—Mrs. Kelly Vollet

Ms. Vollet advised all is going well and there are no issues at this time.

EMA—Patrick Rose

Mr. Rose presented the commissioners with a Memorandum of Understanding for signature. The agreement is between Ripley County and Versailles United Methodist Church for use of the church facility, equipment, and/or supplies in the event of an emergency.

Sheriff—Sheriff Cumberworth

Sheriff Cumberworth advised Mr. William Dreyer had started as jailer.

Also he presented the commissioners with an estimate from Red Forge Inc. for the welding repair needed in the old part of the jail on cells and showers. He stated it was not an emergency repair and was advised it would be put into the 2019 budget.

Ms. Sheila McGuire—Hopewell Road East of US 421

Ms. McGuire appeared questioning if the current roadway servicing her residence was a county road or personal drive. Attorney Ertel reviewed the deeds she provided and current surveys. Based on the information Attorney Ertel requested Superintendent Toops check to see if the service road was on the county inventory. The deeds showed the adjoining landowners were responsible for maintaining the service road. He requested Ms. McGuire return to the next meeting and the additional information would be considered to determine who is responsible for the maintenance of the service road.

SIRPC—Ms. Susan Craig & Child Advocacy Center-Ms. Stephanie Back

Ms. Craig advised the Child Advocacy Center was applying for a \$500,000.00 grant to open a branch in Decatur County. She advised the \$55,000.00 matching funds would come from Decatur County and the Child Advocacy Center.

Auditor Wagner presented the commissioners with the minutes of July 2, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Linville moved to approve with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the claims 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 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