

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

July 17, 2017

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m. Monday, July 17, 2017 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana. All Commissioners were in attendance as well as Auditor Wagner.

Mr. Jeremy Schmidt appeared to request permission from the commissioners to bore a drainage line under Spades Road to drain his farm fields. The commissioners granted permission and he is to begin the project in October, 2017 weather permitting.

Superintendent Toops advised the rubber tired roller would be used at the Fairgrounds for the track.

The area at the Jail had been stoned for parking and will need to settle before blacktop is applied.

He reported Mr. Kevin Hensley had worked on the drainage issue behind the annex and stated the drain from the annex parking lot had been plugged. It is now open and should help with the flow of water.

Foreman Kissell advised he needed a purchase order signed for the new dump trucks and beds. Cost of the trucks with beds will be \$273,492.00. Commissioner Linville moved to sign the purchase order with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

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 8:03:45

Mr. Lohrum advised he had contacted BrunsGutzweiller on the annex roof leaking and they are to contact York Roofing that contracted to them for the roof when built. This has been an ongoing problem.

Clerk—Ms. Ginger Bradford 8:18:00

Ms. Bradford advised she wanted to consolidate Laughery 1 and Laughery 3-1 Precincts into one location. Commissioner Linville moved to approve the consolidation with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Ms. Bradford also advised that by using the E Poll Pads she could eliminate some need for staffing at the precincts and would save \$4000.00.

Auditor Wagner read a letter from Mr. Matthew R. Chastain concerning the elections and the use of hard copy ballots. (Copy in the record with the minutes)

Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet

Ms. Vollet advised she had installed a TV screen in the Security area of the courthouse at the request of the Sheriff.

Sheriff—8:49:16

Sheriff Cumberworth presented the commissioners with the new jail employee, Mr. Colin Rodgers.

He also advised the Integrator System installation was complete and operational.

He advised the commissioners that the Spillman System assigned wreckers to accidents based on the location of the accident and used a rotating group of wreckers to respond. The system had been questioned by a wrecker service located in the county on the assignment process. The commissioners stated the current system is working and did not need to be changed. Depending on the type of wrecker needed, county based units would be called first depending on availability and location of the accident.

Mr. David Blazier—Traffic Issues on 200 S.

Mr. Blazier stated there had been numerous close calls on accidents on the road due to excessive speed. He requested installation of additional speed limit signs and any help the county could give to eliminate the speeding problem. Sheriff Cumberworth advised he would have additional patrols made of the road and the highway will look at the need for additional signage.

EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose

Mr. Rose reviewed the ADA compliance issues and discussed the progress in correcting the issues.

BREAK—9:30:23

APEX—Ms. Toni Stinson

Ms. Stinson appeared for follow up on the Health Plan for the county and have the final documents signed. She will continue to provide information to put in employees pay packets on the workings of the self insured plan. The employees will need to request discounts from the doctors as the county is not in any network that allowed the employees to keep their doctors rather than change them. Also APEX had an Advocacy person that will contact the county employees and work with them on any balance billings they may receive for Hospital services.

Other areas to be worked on will be negotiating discounts with local doctor groups that are hospital employed by the hospitals.

Commissioner Linville moved to authorize Commissioner President Stutler to sign the needed documents with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes. Auditor Wagner questioned the need for the Rx Help Center program since it has been over a year and NO ONE has used the program. This will be reviewed in August and canceled at renewal if there is no change.

BID OPENING FOR COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT

County Attorney Ertel advised the commissioners that all bids met the requirements and were in compliance.

Bids for asphalt laid for the Community Crossings Grant from INDOT were received from: Paul H. Rohe Co, Inc. Dave O'Mara
Contraction, Inc.

#9 surface	\$59.95/ton	#9 surface	\$57.50/ton
#11 surface	\$59.95/ton	#11 surface	\$57.50/ton
Same price for escalating/de-escalating		#9 and #11 surface	\$54.00

Based on escalating/de-escalating

Commissioner Linville moved to accept bid from Dave O'Mara Contracting, Inc. with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Recorder—Ms. Mary Ann McCoy 10:16:10

Ms. McCoy first requested on behalf of the Versailles Lions Club the commissioners allow the Lions Club and Tri Kappa use the annex building for the art exhibit during the Pumpkin Show. This was discussed and the commissioners advised they would like time to provide an answer and would do so at the next meeting July 31, 2017.

Ms. McCoy then advised the Bulk User Ordinance 2017-02 needed minor correction in language and number corrected to she would provide that for the record. Also she needed an addendum from the vendor Doxpop who provides the bulk copies for the users signed for the new charges. Commissioner Linville moved to sign the addendum with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Health Dept.—Dr. Harley Robinson—Health Board Appointments

Dr. Robinson provided the commissioners with 5 names to consider for the vacant positions on the Health Board. (Dr. Suzanne Martini, Attorney Lynn Fledderman, Pharmacist Donna Pitts, School Superintendent Robert Moorehead, and FNP Tonya Stepleton)

The current Board recommended Dr. Suzanne Martini and Attorney Lynn Fledderman. Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the recommended individuals with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Voices for Children—Ms. Tonya Richter

Ms. Richter presented the commissioners with the statistics on the increases of children needing CASA representatives for Children in Need of Services. She requested the commissioners consider funding a billboard to help encourage volunteers for the program to help the children to ease the case load of the current volunteers. The commissioners advised they would look at funding available to see if they could help.

The commissioners discussed the 2008 Durango no longer needed at the Sheriff Department. They decided they would keep this vehicle and put the 2008 Tahoe on the county auction for sale.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve the minutes of the July 3, 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 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