

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting  
July 18, 2016

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m., Monday, July 18, 2016 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana.

Commissioners Stutler, Linville, and Busching were present as well as Auditor Wagner.

The Commissioners approved and signed the 2017-2018 EDIT Plan.

The 2017 budget was discussed and what items such as equipment, road repair, etc was needed.

Foreman Shonegg stated work on Bridge #128 should be complete by 7/22/2016 subject to weather.

With no further business to attend, Commissioner Busching moved to recess to the annex. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Busching 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. Commissioner Stutler, Busching, and Linville were present as well as Auditor Wagner and County Attorney Ertel.

**Maintenance—Mr. John Lohrum 8:10:37**

Mr. Lohrum discussed the elevator motor start issue with the commissioners. Based on the cost and confusion what the starter did for the system he was instructed to obtain more information.

Mr. Lohrum stated the courthouse roof repair looked good and he and Tyler Bond had been checking it to make sure there were no leaks and the repair was successful.

**EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose 8:35:40**

Mr. Rose advised the commissioners signature was needed for a new Memorandum of understanding with the Parks for using the facility for emergency incidents was needed and the commissioners signed the MOU.

He advised he was applying for a grant to replace more radios.

Also he reviewed the need for an agreement for the units and entities that get equipment from the EMA stating they are responsible for the equipment for damage or loss.

**Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet 8:44:40**

Ms. Vollet advised she needed to purchase a switch for the server room and the cost would be \$3277.97 from CDW-G.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the purchase with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Sheriff—Sheriff Cumberworth 8:52:27**

Sheriff Cumberworth advised the back flow valve in the water system needed to be checked and Federman Plumbing would do the test for \$450.00. Commissioner Busching moved to approve Federman Plumbing with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes. Payment is to be from Building Maintenance.

Sheriff Cumberworth requested Abe Hildebrand be granted a month extension to take his vacation as he had been required to do investigations and had not been able to take his vacation before the end of the 12 month period. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Court Services—Ms. Jenny Wise—New Hire Approval**

Ms. Wise appeared for Mr. Shannon Schmaltz to request approval for two new hires, Ms. Kerri Fox and Ms. Sandra Sporleder. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Attorney Ertel:**

Attorney Ertel advised the commissioners that Enterprise Liquid Pipeline was giving him the run around on the repair to County Road 1400N for the damage they did to the road when laying the pipeline. Commissioner Linville moved to have Attorney Ertel proceed with court action to bring them to the table. Commissioner Busching seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

**Mr. Elwin Abplanalp:**

Mr. Abplanalp advised he lived on County Road 800E and was requesting his road be paved or dust control through chip and seal. It was advised the commissioners would look at the road to see what could be done and advise him. 812-623-3614

**Clerk—Ms. Mary Ann McCoy**

Ms. McCoy advised the commissioners that a law had been passed that makes the voting machines in 89 of the 92 counties non-compliant. She will be attending meetings over the next week and will report back to them.

The commissioners questioned her about the use of the courthouse main hall for the art exhibit for the Pumpkin Show. She advised the hall would be enough and would work with the Sheriff for the security of the metal detector and x-ray machine so no damage would be done.

**Celeste Manriquez—Estell Acres subdivision road.**

Commissioner Busching advised her he had signed a letter stating the subdivision road had been inspected by the county and met their specifications. She was given a letter that Ripley County will take over the maintenance of the road August 1, 2016.

**Building and Planning—Mr. Tad Brinson**

Property at Elrod being used for a used car lot was questioned. Commissioner Stutler asked if the proper permits had been obtained and Mr. Brinson advised they had not. Mr. Brinson was instructed by the commissioners to check and report to the Planning and Zoning Board and the Commissioners.

**Child Advocacy Center—Ms. Sarah Brichto 10:05:00**

Ms. Brichto presented the commissioners with a report of the cases received by the center from 1-1-2016 to 7-15-2016. She discussed the services they are providing and requested continued funding for 2017.

**Mr. Doug Thayer and Mr. Donald Dunbar 10:16:55**

Mr. Thayer spoke about the historical tree carving located in the hall of the courthouse and how since the remodeling the general public has very little chance to view it. He requested it be moved to the annex building. Commissioner Busching questioned if the Historical Society had funds to pay for the move and Mr. Dunbar stated they were asking the commissioners to pay for the move expenses. Ms. Katherine Taul spoke and stated the tree was featured on the tourism brochures and also felt it should be moved.

Commissioner Linville moved to have the tree moved to the annex with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Tourism—Ms. Katherine Taul--Bicentennial**

Ms. Taul advised the Torch Relay would start at St Road 101 and US50 at 12:00 noon on September 17, 2016. There would be a celebration at 5:00 pm that day at the Milan VFW to honor those who were involved with the relay.

Commissioner Busching advised her that the location for the Ripley Monument had been decided and it was to be put on the courthouse lawn by the sidewalk on the east side.

**Mr. Roger Asche--**

Mr. Asche advised he lived on County Road 100E and stated Mr. Daniel Gunter had been grading the road and tearing it up in front of his house. He requested the commissioners investigate and provide a solution to stop him. He was advised it would be looked into.

**EMS—Mr. Scott Huffman 10:47:16**

Mr. Huffman presented the commissioners with a request for 3 new hires, Mr. Matthew Kachur, Mr. Jason Smith, and Ms. Teresa Wise. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the requests with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Mr. Huffman then advised of a request from Rescue 30 to use the backup ambulance of the county for transports only until their unit was back in service. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Auditor Wagner presented the commissioners with a claim from the Prosecutor's office for payment for a summer conference. It included interns and after discussion, Commissioner Busching moved to NOT pay for the interns from County General as they were not full time employees. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2016 commissioners' meeting with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the claims to be paid from the commissioners' budget. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes. Commissioners signed the payroll sheets and claim vouchers.

With no further business to attend to, Commissioner Busching moved to recess until the 1:00 meeting with INDOT. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

The commissioners met with INDOT to obtain information on a drainage project. After the meeting Commissioner Busching moved to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

\_\_\_\_\_ Gary Stutler

\_\_\_\_\_ Mark Busching

\_\_\_\_\_ Robert Linville

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ William Lee Wagner, Auditor Ripley County