

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

July 31, 2017

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m. Monday, July 31, 2017 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana. All Commissioners were in attendance as well as Auditor Wagner.

Superintendent Toops reported on the chip and seal progress. He also advised of the oil tanker delivering to the county overturning while trying to go around the US 421 road closure. Ripley County pumped the oil from the truck and will be reimbursed by the trucking company's insurance company in their help with the cleanup attempt. They are also providing culvert and will be reimbursed for that and equipment/labor costs as well.

Foreman Kissell advised the dump trucks have been ordered. His department has been doing general repair on the machinery and trucks.

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. Commissioner Stutler, Linville, and Stratton, County Attorney Ertel, and Auditor Wagner were in attendance. Auditor Wagner left at 8:45 and Deputy Amber May finished the meeting as secretary.

Maintenance—Mr. John Lohrum 8:03:45

Mr. Lohrum advised QPH had returned and re-insulated some pipe in the courthouse. An air leak between the floor and ceiling of the second and third floors was found to be uninsulated and causing condensation. This was insulated as well.

BREAK—8:22:08

Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet

Ms. Vollet reported a computer had been infected with ransomware and had infiltrated the Low Financial server. She had shut down the server and Low reprogrammed the server. The county was spared a complete shutdown and the Low server was back up within 24 hours.

The request from the Coroner for the Tahoe that had been placed on the county auction site was discussed and Commissioners Linville stated he felt the Tahoe should be sold and the request from the coroner not be approved. Commissioner Stratton agreed and the Tahoe will be sold as originally decided.

EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose & Fire Chief's Association--Chief Ben Sierverding and Chief Randy Merkel

Discussed Hazmat need for county. The Hazmat team from Madison has been dissolved. They are looking at a contract with a Hazmat Team from Hamilton County, Ohio to respond to Hazmat issues in Ripley County. Cost would be \$3674.30 per year and no additional costs would be to the county for response. Those costs would be recovered by the Hazmat Team from the party responsible for the spill.

Funding is still being investigated but they stated County assistance would be appreciated. The meeting was for information and will be investigated for funding and need.

The commissioners tabled the issue until the August 14 meeting.

Sheriff—8:49:16

Sheriff Cumberworth advised one of the patrol cars was out of service due to a fuel pump and has 180,000 miles on it. He stated he would dispose of it and strip the equipment from it. Will be disposed on county auction site.

He also advised he bought 3 awnings for \$1150.00 and he would find funding for them.

The Inmate Health cost was discussed. He stated the Nurse hasn't been sending as many inmates to the ER. As for dental, they get antibiotic for 14 days and if that doesn't work the tooth is pulled.

Did have two inmates with HIV that cost about \$20,000 total. Fund is running low and he will be requesting more funding from Council.

Sheriff Cumberworth advised Dan Goris is to be the JCD Resource Officer and he had asked if he could work with the Sheriff Department when he is off on holidays and summer. Sheriff Cumberworth will be investigating this with Council.

He also advised the 4-H auction for livestock had been changed and some of the hogs went home sick so he did not purchase any.

Prosecutor—Mr. RicHertel

Mr. Hertel presented the commissioners with a new employee to fill the open clerical position. Ms. Michele Huber was hired and will start August 7, 2017.

Mr. Hertel advised he had not had a chance to check on office equipment and the Sheriff will check on it. Mr. Hertel will check with IT-Ms. Kelly Vollet about a computer.

BREAK—9:17:30

Clerk—9:22:51 Ms. Diane Macek

Ms. Macek presented the commissioners with the contract for Knowink for the EPoll Pads. Attorney Ertel advised the contract needed to be changed to be litigated in Indiana if that was needed rather than another state.

EMS—Mr. Scott Huffman 9:31:25

Mr. Huffman advised 911 dispatch requested in writing where the Ripley County Medics were to be dispatched to as they are now receiving requests from Franklin and Dearborn

County. He stated that if it was mutual aid we should follow that but not normally be going to Franklin and Dearborn as this leaves Ripley County without coverage. He stated Oldenburg should probably be the cut off for intercepts. All commissioners agreed that Ripley County Medics should be kept in the county except for Mutual Aid.

Damage to the Rescue Unit for Ripley County EMS was \$6500.00 and a Stryker cot was also damaged. It is out of service until it can be checked by the manufacturer.

Currently we have one ambulance at the Hospital and two at the Milan location. The insurance adjuster has looked at the damaged unit and we will see what transpires from that.

He reported that the Milan Fire Dept. is supplying drivers for the BLS runs and there has been very minimal overtime used by the EMT's. All departments are having a Medic shortage.

The Delaware location needs some clean up and paint/repair before appraised. He will contact Probation for some help in the painting etc.

Highway—Superintendent Ray Toops.

Discussion on cutting trees for a house to be moved would be they can be trimmed if in right of way but should still contact property owner.

Mr. Jim Steuri requested Highway meet with him. Commissioner Linville will go with Mr. Toops.

There has been 3 wrecks above Napoleon at the replacement of the bridge at Kuntz's lake and several at Millhousen Road at the intersection by Jim Steuri's. About 25 gallons of oil and diesel leaked. EPA is doing clean up.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve the minutes of the July 17, 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 Stratton moved to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

_____ Gary Stutler

_____ Rodney Stratton

_____ Robert Linville

Attest: _____ William Lee Wagner—Ripley County Auditor

