

## Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

August 13, 2018

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m. Monday, August 13, 2018 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana. All Commissioners were in attendance as well as Auditor Wagner.

Chip and seal continues with cooperation of the weather. Blacktopping by O'Mara is scheduled to start August 20, 2018 based on weather.

The commissioners discussed the traffic issues of semi-trucks hauling steel cutting through county roads from one state highway to another and causing complaints from citizens.

Foreman Kissell advised the trucks will be in production August 23 and would be taken to Indianapolis September 5, 2018 for the dump beds to be installed.

With no further business to attend, Commissioner Stratton moved to recess to the annex. Commissioner Linville 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. Commissioners Stutler, Linville, Stratton, Auditor Wagner, and County Attorney Ertel were in attendance.

### **Maintenance—Mr. John Lohrum**

No issues to report.

### **EMS—Mr. Patrick Rose**

Mr. Rose had the commissioners sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Versailles Fire and Rescue to do damage assessments.

Also he requested the commissioners adopt a resolution for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Linville moved to approve his request with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

### **Planning and Zoning—Mr. Tad Brinson**

Mr. Brinson presented the commissioners with a request from Scott Morris for zoning change on 7.88 acres: SW ¼ of Section 26, Township 10 North, Range 12 East at the end of County Road 525 E Batesville, Indiana. There were several patrons present in the audience. Ms. Denise Glaub spoke against the request as the road was not wide enough for industrial traffic and it was a dead end.

Mr. Brinson advised the commissioners that the Area Planning Commission had voted 10 against and none for the rezone request. Commissioner Linville moved to accept the

recommendation from the Board and deny the request. Commissioner Stratton seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Next he presented the rezone request from Phillip and Mary Miller for 1.934 acres: Part of Section 4, Township 9 North, Range 12 East in Adams Township, Batesville. The request was to rezone from A-2 Agricultural to RB Roadside Business. The Area Planning Commission had presented a recommendation to the commissioners as favorable (vote 10 for none against the request). Commissioner Stratton moved to accept the recommendation with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Health Dept—Ms. Holley Rose**

Ms. Rose advised there had been a problem with the East entrance door to the Health Dept. locking and there was no way to manually lock the door with a key. The installation of a key lock will be researched.

**8:44:41 BREAK**

**Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet**

Ms. Vollet advised the anti-virus had been installed on the Spillman server and it was running as required.

**Sheriff—Sheriff Cumberworth**

Sheriff Cumberworth advised of an accident 8/11/2018 with a police cruiser that occurred and was not the fault of the deputy.

**Community Corrections—Mr. Shannon Schmaltz**

Mr. Schmaltz presented the commissioners with an appointment request for the Public Defender Board. Commissioner Stratton moved to approve Mr. Spencer Gilland with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Mr. Schmaltz advise the commissioners that the use of the conference room in the courthouse would have extended hours until 8:00pm.

**Ripley County Fire Chiefs—Mr. Randy Merkel**

Mr. Merkel appeared with EMS Director Mr. Patrick Rose. Mr. Merkel was requesting the count adopt the State of Indiana law on open burning. He stated this would give him more power in enforcing the law. Attorney Ertel that the State law addresses open burning and allows for law enforcement to become involved if needed. He advised the State law be posted on the county website.

Auditor Wagner advised he had received the Interlocal agreement with Ripley County and The Ripley Economic Development Corporation for 2019. The commissioners discussed the amount of funding that was being provided. No action was taken at this time.

Next was the quote received from Traditions Group to clear seal the gold on the Courthouse clock tower. Quote was for \$900.00 and Commissioner Linville moved to approve since workers comp insurance had been provided. Commissioner Stratton seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Auditor Wagner presented the commissioners with the minutes of July 30, 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, and the grant agreement with Ohio County for Riverboat sharing.

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