

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

August 14, 2017

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m. Monday August 14, 2017 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana. All Commissioners were in attendance as well as Auditor Wagner.

Superintendent Toops reported he had met with the insurance adjuster for the R & D Tanker that had turned over at the intersection of the Steuri property and Millhousen Road. The highway garage had pumped the oil from the tanker and the insurance company will reimburse Ripley County for the overtime and equipment used. The insurance company for the tanker will also clean up the spill on the Steuri property.

Foreman DeBurger reported the signage for the Rail Road Crossings was about completed.

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 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.

Maintenance—Mr. John Lohrum 8:09:30

Mr. Lohrum advised he had contacted BrunsGutzwiller and the Annex roof is still under warranty. York Roofing is to contact him and take care of the leak.

Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet

Ms. Vollet advised the switch to new computers is complete.

EMS—Mr. Scott Huffman 8:21:45

Mr. Huffman discussed the hospital transfers with the commissioners. He advised the hospital was not receptive to providing any additional funding for the transfers. Also he advised that the supply of Medics is short and he has been unable to find enough to cover some shifts. This has changed the possibility of staffing for transfers from a 24/7 on call to as available only. Mr. Huffman stated he could not jeopardize the 911 side of the operation. He is meeting with the hospital to see what, if anything, can be worked out.

Sheriff—8:53:05

Sheriff Cumberworth advised Stanley would be refunding \$4460.00 for their work with finding the electrical issue at the jail as it took less time than they had projected. He also discussed the jail capacity issue.

Health Department—Ms. Vicky Powell

Ms. Powell introduced the new employee, Ms. Sara Patterson, who will be overseeing the Tobacco Prevention program for the State Grant.

Also she advised the commissioners they will be celebrating the Ripley County Health Department's 50th anniversary on October 17.

BREAK—9:30:38**EMS—Mr. Patrick Rose 9:45:00**

Mr. Rose provided updates for the grants for his department and the progress of the ADA compliance.

He also briefed the commissioners that he had contacted the local fire departments with a proposal for a HAZMAT Team. Each fire department would provide \$100 and the County would pay the balance of \$2600.00 for a total of \$3700.00.

Commissioner Linville moved to proceed with contracting the HAZMAT Team as long as ALL fire departments agreed. If ALL did not agree the contract would not be approved or signed. Commissioner Stratton seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Also Mr. Rose requested the commissioners approve the 2017 Emergency Management Performance Grant (Competitive) and the 2107 State Homeland Security Grant.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve the grants with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Auditor Wagner presented the commissioners with the 2018 Ripley County Economic Development Inter-Local Agreement for their consideration.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve the agreement with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Stratton addressed the CSI Maintenance Agreement that was being terminated early due to switching to the State program Odyssey. Commissioner Stratton moved to have the commissioners pay off the lease from the commissioner's budget. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Auditor Wagner advised the Commissioners that the law suit filed by a Ms. Susan Frede of Madison Indiana, who has a history of frivolous lawsuits, was dismissed by the court and the cost of legal fees for the attorney provided by the insurance company cost \$1900.00. Auditor Wagner asked if the commissioners felt it would stop future suits if they counter-sued for recovery of the legal fees. County Attorney Ertel stated it would probably be less expensive to NOT file at this time but if another from the same person was filed then counter-sue for expenses.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve the minutes of the July 31, 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