

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting  
August 15, 2016

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m., Monday, August 15, 2016 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana.

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

Foreman Schonegg advised he had looked at a drainage problem in Morris and showed the commissioners pictures. He also advised depending on weather he would be finished with chip and seal in a week.

Commissioner Stutler advised he and Foreman Kissell had met with Rising Sun Regional Foundation on the grant request for funding for the Road Broom.

With no further business to attend, Commissioner Linville moved to recess to the annex. Commissioner Stutler seconded and the motion passed with 2 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 8:02:10**

Mr. Lohrum advised there was a problem with the boilers at the courthouse. QPH was looking at the issue and would provide an estimate to repair the problem. He also provided a quote for the repair of various issues at the courthouse and the replacement of the univent in the courthouse foyer.

Mr. Tyler Bond of Regional Roofing presented the commissioners with a quote to replace the roof of the courthouse that was going bad. After review Commissioner Busching moved to approve the quote for \$34,250.00 with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose 8:19:22**

Mr. Rose requested the commissioners sign an Memorandum of Understanding with the EMA for use of the Park property in the event of an emergency. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet**

Ms. Vollet advised the commissioners the update of the county computers was complete.

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

Mr. Brinson advised the Planning Board had instructed him to proceed with the requirements needed to obtain a special exemption for the property in Elrod discussed at the last commissioners' meeting.

**Sheriff—Sheriff Cumberworth 8:53:40**

Sheriff Cumberworth provided the Auditor with a copy of the Jail Inspection as required and advised the commissioners it was available for their inspection.

He also advised they had found some discrepancies with the quotes for the Integrator and would be obtaining corrected quotes for the 2017 budget.

**Mr. Donald Dunbar—Bisontennial Project**

Mr. Dunbar spoke about purchasing a Bison for display for the bicentennial celebration as other counties have done. Ms. Katherine Taul of Tourism stated their board had met and decided not to participate with the Bison Project due to cost. The commissioners instructed her to check out the cost and availability at this time and advise them at the next meeting.

**BREAK 9:11:18****Ms. Amber Lecher—Drainage issue in Morris—9:45:00**

Ms. Lecher provided the commissioners with pictures of the flooding of her yard and requested the county do something with the drainage. Some of the culverts under the driveways were plugged and some of the property owners had filled in the ditches, etc. NO permits were obtained by the builder to install the culverts when he built the homes. Foreman Schonneg will look at the problem and the county will ditch the area on the county right-of-way. If culverts are not found under the driveways they will have to be installed at the expense of the homeowner and if they are present but not at the correct depth it will be the homeowner's responsibility to replace them correctly.

**Health Department—Ms. Vicky Powell**

Ms. Powell requested direction on what the commissioners wanted in the first aid boxes and she was advised to use her discretion and experience to provide needed first aid supplies.

**Versailles Lions Club—Mr. Paul Sipples**

Mr. Sipples requested the use of the annex commissioners’ room for the King and Queen contest to use as a dressing room on 9-21-2016. The commissioners granted the request.

**Parks—Mr. Ken Bowling and Mr. Chris Schmaltz 10:24:00**

Mr. Schmaltz advised the Park Board had met and was requesting the commissioners request Mr. Ken Bowling be made a fulltime employee as Park Superintendent for 2017. The commissioners advised it would depend on the Council to add the position as full time and would need to consider if the funding was available for the request.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the minutes of the August 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 adjourn. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

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

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

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

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