

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting  
August 17, 2015

Commissioners meeting opened promptly at 7:00AM, Monday, August 17, 2015 at the Ripley County Highway Department, Osgood, Indiana.

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

Superintendent Heaton advised GIBBCO had cinders available. He also advised he had been approached by DYNEGY that is located in North Bend Ohio that can supply cinders in the future and only cost will be the haul bill. These will also be investigated for quality.

Foreman Toops advised the cost this year to chip and seal was about \$6100.00 per mile which is around \$400.00 LESS per mile than last year.

An issue with an employee was discussed and resolved.

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

Commissioner Busching moved to reconvene with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes and the meeting reconvened with the Pledge to the Flag. Commissioners Stutler, Busching, and Linville were present as well as Auditor Wagner and Attorney Ertel.

**Maintenance—Mr. Johnny Lohrum 8:07:40**

Mr. Lohrum advised he had a drain in the courthouse repaired and a bill would be received.

The commissioners discussed the issue of not having enough credit cards issued for some periods of heavy need. Commissioner Linville moved to secure two additional cards with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2015 meeting with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the claims and have them printed by department for the future. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

A resolution 2015-01 that designates Commissioner Stutler to sign for the county to receive State or Federal grants from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security or the Indiana Homeland Security Foundation was discussed. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the resolution with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet 8:40:00**

Ms. Vollet advised the Clerk had requested a printer (\$359.00) and inquired where to pay for it. She was instructed to use cum cap funds. Also a fax machine for the Recorder was ordered (\$299.99) and she was advised to use cum cap funds for this as well.

**BREAK 8:46:17**

**EMS-Mr. Jim Corbin 8:55:25**

Rescue 30 was represented by Mr. Paul Hildebrand, Attorney Larry Eaton, and Mr. Rick Stevens.

Mr. Hildebrand stated billing problems still persist with Rescue 30 and Medicount. Attorney Eaton stated he had advised Rescue 30 to send a list of all incorrect billings to Medicount and a notice that if the problem continues Rescue 30 will terminate the contract with Medicount as their legal requirement. County Attorney Ertel will review the Rescue unit contract and the County contract with Medicount.

**Sheriff Department—Sheriff Jeff Cumberworth 9:18:35**

Sheriff Cumberworth advised Cintas has inspected the fire system and found a couple heat detectors (\$540.40) and the 5 year inspection and system flush (\$457.00) was needed.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve the repairs and use cum cap funds. Commissioner Busching seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Sheriff Cumberworth discussed the funding needed to replace the patrol car that burned. The insurance settlement of \$20,864.37 is to be put into garage and motors. Sheriff Cumberworth will check to see if he can find the funding for the additional needed in his budget.

He also requested concrete for a sidewalk at the jail building and was advised to get the concrete from Raver Concrete. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the concrete with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

He advised the quote from Zuercher did not turn out as favorable as first reported. He stated the base cost was less but the annual maintenance fees were much higher. He will review but feels Spillman would still be the best to use at this point.

**9:36:12 BREAK**

Patrick Rose was unable to attend but sent a paper copy of the update for EMA to the Commissioners.

**Ms. Sarah Smith—Bridge on 800s Complaint—9:54:06**

Ms. Smith stated the bridge was too narrow for a vehicle to pass a school bus in the bridge. The commissioners discussed possible solutions and instructed Foreman Ray Toops to inspect and post a narrow bridge sign if necessary.

**10:12:42 BREAK**

**Clerk—Ms. Mary Ann McCoy 10:19:12**

Ms. McCoy advised she had received a quote to test the electronic poll pads. Cost would be \$525.00 and if purchased there would be no discount provided. The cost to the county would be 25% and the rest would be divided among the units having elections in November.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve a test for the fall election with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Ralph Adams—10:39:28**

Mr. Adams advised the commissioners he had never received any answers as to the theft at the fairgrounds during the 4-H Fair. He stated Mr. Jeff Tielking was investigating with the Ripley County Sheriff. He had received a call from the Fair Board that his employment had been terminated due to lack of maintenance to a tractor and mower that developed mechanical issues from lack of oil and maintenance.

Commissioner Stutler advised he had been at the Fair Board meeting and the equipment issues had been discussed there and that was the reason for dismissal by the Fair Board. He advised Mr. Adams contact the Fair Board if he wanted any additional information.

The commissioners reviewed a quote for roof repair at the EMS building from Harold Hornberger Roofing, Inc. Commissioner Busching stated he had requested them to get an idea of the amount of work that was needed.

The commissioners also discussed the change to the downspouts on the North side of the annex building to eliminate the water from surging over the gutter and backing up under the roofing. This resolution is being handled by Attorney Ertel through discussion with LWC and Bruns Gutzwiller.

Commissioners signed payroll sheets, claim vouchers, and claims being paid from the commissioners' budget and minutes of the August 3, 2015 meeting.

With no further business at this time Commissioner Busching moved to adjourn. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.