

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting
August 26, 2019

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 8:00 a.m. Monday, August 26, 2019 at the Ripley County Annex Building, Versailles, Indiana. Commissioner Stratton, Commissioner Stutler and Commissioner Horstman were in attendance as well as Attorney Ertel and Auditor Copeland.

Commissioner Stratton opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag.

Maintenance – Johnnie Lohrum

Mr. Lohrum was in to give updates on the courthouse and annex.

Assessor's Office – Shawna Bushhorn

Mrs. Bushhorn asked the Commissioners about changing the oil in the car that she uses for assessments. The Commissioners told Mrs. Bushhorn to call Pat at the county garage.

Sheriff Department – Mr. Jeff Cumberworth

Mr. Cumberworth was in for dispatch needing a new air conditioner. Only brought in one bid, the Commissioners told him they need at least 2 bids. The air conditioner is still working at this point, Dunlap stated that it does need to be replaced.

Highway Department – Mr. Ray Toops

Mr. Toops was in to give the Commissioners an update on the chip and seal project. Commissioner Horstman's district has 4 more days worth of chip and seal to do. Dave O'Mara is scheduled to be in the county on the Wednesday after Labor Day.

EMS – Scott Huffman

Mr. Huffman was in with applications for a new EMT and Driver for Ripley County EMS.

Miscellaneous

Dannie and Cheryl Welch came in to ask the Commissioners about the scanner they use that belongs to the county. The scanner is broke down. The Commissioners did not renew a service agreement with Priority Engineering. Priority Engineering is willing to back date the service agreement to April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020 for \$3,500.00.

Mrs. Ginger Bradford ask about the Commissioners participating in the 2020 Census? They had not found anyone to take responsibility of the committee that needed formed for Ripley County.

Mr. John Kinker was in to talk about the speed limit on 1100 North. The speed limit on 1100 North is 45MPH. The speed limit on the roads next to 1100 North are 35MPH. Commissioner Horstman also stated that 1100 North and Spades road needs a new stop sign to make it a 4 way. Commissioner Horstman made the motion put a stop sign up at 1100 North and Spades road and to change the speed limit to 35MPH on 1100 North, Commissioner Stutler 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3 yes. This will have to be advertised in the paper the allotted about of time.

Spy Glass, Mr. Jon Finucan, was in about a cost saving plan for wifi, telephone and cell phone usage. Commissioner Horstman made the motion to contract with Spy Glass to implement some cost savings, Commissioner Stratton 2nd the motion. Motion passed 2 yes 1 no.

Mr. Paul Sipples was in for the Lions Club for the use of county property for the Pumpkin Show. Commissioner Stutler made the motion to let the Lions Club use county property for the Pumpkin Show, Commissioner Horstman 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3 yes.

Auditor Copeland presented the commissioners with the minutes of the August 12, 2019 meeting Commissioner Horstman made the motion to approve the minutes with a second from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Stutler moved to approve the claims with a 2nd from Commissioner Horstman. Motion passed with 3 yes.

The Commissioners signed the Payroll Vouchers, Claim Vouchers, and Claims being paid from the commissioners' budget.

Commissioner Horstman made the motion to recess, Commissioner Stutler 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3 yes.

Commissioner Horstman made the motion to reconvene at the Rescue 69 building to look over the building for the purchase of it or lease of it, Commissioner Stutler 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3 yes.

With no further business to attend, Commissioner Horstman moved to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed 3 yes.

Rodney Stratton

Rodney Stratton, President

Gary Stutler

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Mark Horstman

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Assts: Amy R Copeland

Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor