

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

August 27, 2018

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m. Monday, August 27, 2018 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana. All Commissioners were in attendance as well as Auditor Wagner.

Superintendent Toops advised USI, Ms. Sherry Hines, would be at the highway garage 8/29/2018 to finalize the Community Crossing Grant application for the 2019 cycle.

Foreman Kissell advised the trucks were built and were going to Indianapolis for the beds 9/5/2018.

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. Commissioners Stutler, Linville, Stratton, Auditor Wagner, and County Attorney Ertel were in attendance.

Maintenance—Mr. John Lohrum

Mr. Lohrum advised the commissioners the clock tower on the courthouse was losing the gold paint. The commissioners requested Auditor Wagner contact Traditions Group to get a quote for the paint prior to the clear coat being applied.

EMS—Mr. Patrick Rose

Mr. Rose advised the commissioners that a Memorandum of Understanding between Ripley County and St. Louis Catholic Schools needed signatures and the ADA Compliance Public Notice and Policy Statement was complete.

Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet

Ms. Vollet requested a refund for fee paid for a lost key by an employee that later found the key. Commissioners agreed to refund the fee.

Ms. Vollet advised she had been requested by the Health Dept. to advise the commissioners the Health Dept. would like to have the old birth & death records scanned. She advised Ms. Holley Rose would discuss the issue with them when she could attend the commissioner meeting.

She also discussed the installation of a key lock to be installed on the East entrance door to the Health Dept. by Central Indiana Hardware that supplies the keys and locks for the current doors. Estimated cost for the job would be \$2583.01. Central Indiana Hardware also advised the current computer locking system software was outdated and could be

upgraded for \$1009.70. Ms. Vollet was to check with the Health Dept. to see if they had the funding to provide both.

911—Ms. Leah Hildebrand

Ms. Hildebrand advised the commissioners there had been a complaint from a fire department about the radios not being heard. She advised she had contacted the Chief for the fire department and the issue had been resolved.

SIRPC—Ms. Kerry McConnell

Ms. McConnell presented the commissioners with pictures and a review of the Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program in which several homes had been repaired with the grant from Indiana Housing.

Community Corrections—Mr. Shannon Schmaltz

Mr. Schmaltz requested top soil and mulch for the community service individuals to use for their community service. The commissioners agreed that Mr. Schmaltz could purchase materials needed for these services up to \$200.00 without coming to the commissioners for Prior approval.

Also he requested permission to contact the current vending machine vendor to have one put into the courthouse due to the additional evening services being held in the courthouse. He was granted the request and will contact the vendor.

Ms. Sheila McGuire—Question on Access

Ms. McGuire appeared again for the commissioners' determination on her question about the access road to her home. The question was if the access was an extension of Hopewell Road or a private drive.

Commissioner Stratton questioned Ms. McGuire how her address was listed and she advised her address was US 421, **not** Hopewell Road. County Attorney Ertel then stated from information provided to him from the Ripley County Highway Department that Hopewell Road Ease of US421 was not on Tiple County's Road Inventory and was not being maintained by the county. The Survey and deed showed a 20 foot easement for ingress and egress for a private drive for two other property owners to access their homes/property on the South side of Ms. Sheila McGuire's driveway. The survey that platted the land that Ms. Sheila McGuire purchased/owns, further indicated that the Grantor of Ms. Sheila McGuire's property "intends to reopen Hopewell Road, which is the blacktop driveway leading into the home and farm, through this 8.000 acre tract at the location of the current road." The Grantor did not reopen the road prior to transferring the property to Ms. Sheila McGuire. This appeared that the road was closed, and would not be reopened unless the abutting/adjoining owner, seeking to make it a road for public use or reopen it for greater use, would be required to bring the road up to county standards, before the County would take it over. Ms. Sheila McGuire showed no interest in re-opening it as a road.

Further, Ms. Leah Hildebrand, Ripley County Communications Director and the Commissioners discussed whether the Hopewell Road sign East of U.S. Highway 421, should remain. Following discussion, it was determined that the sign should be removed, as it is more likely to lead to confusion for public safety personnel who may need to respond to Ms. Sheila McGuire's property and the two residences with the access from the driveway-ingress/egress easement.

Auditor Wagner presented the commissioners with the minutes of the August 13, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Linville moved to approve with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve the claims 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