

^Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

August 28, 2017

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m. Monday August 28, 2017 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana. All Commissioners were in attendance as well as Auditor Wagner.

Superintendent Toops reported he had sent R&D Trucking an invoice for approximately \$4200.00 for the work done by the county on the spill when their truck overturned. He is waiting on a response.

He also advised he had contacted County Attorney Ertel on the claim from Holton Water on a line the county hit on an emergency road repair on 800 West. He is to meet with the Holton Water Board on September 4, 2017.

Foreman DeBurger reported the signage for the Rail Road Crossings was completed. Waiting on State inspection.

Ms. Sheri Hines from USI updated the commissioners about the Community Crossing Grant from INDOT. There is \$147,000,000.00 to award with applications for \$260,000,000.00. INDOT now advised the decision will be "early fall" on how much and who will receive funding.

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

Mr. Lohrum advised he had purchased a de-humidifier for the Probation offices. He has not heard anything from York on the annex roof.

Clerk—Ms. Ginger Bradford

Ms. Bradford requested the commissioners purchase chairs for her office. She was advised to wait until 2018 when the new budget takes effect.

Mr. Hap Chandler---8:15:00

Mr. Chandler advised the commissioners there was a problem with parking at the post office in Cross Plains. Patrons were parking wrong and were backing onto State Road 129. INDOT will be contacted.

Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet

Ms. Vollet advised the commissioners the county was hit with another ransomware over the weekend from the same computer location. That computer was taken off the server and she is working to fix the issue. Nothing was lost and the security stopped the ransomware before it got to the server.

BREAK—8:45:44**Sheriff—8:53:05**

Sheriff Cumberworth provided the commissioners with Ordinance for Merit Officers Longevity for their review.

He also advised the old Sheriff car was ready to put on the auction site for disposal. The commissioners stated the bidding should start at \$1000.00 and be listed that it needs a fuel pump.

Probation—Mr. Shannon Schmaltz 9:10:50

Mr. Schmaltz advised the commissioners there was two openings to the Community Corrections Board that needed to be filled. He provided a list of names and advised the choices of the judges. The commissioners reviewed the list and Commissioner Stratton moved to appoint Mr. Cody Tillison as the Adult Probation Officer and Ms. Kerri Fox as the Juvenile Probation Officer. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Also Mr. Schmaltz requested that Mr. Ethan Back be given an extension to take his vacation since the office duties did not allow him to take it before his anniversary. Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose—9:22:45

Mr. Rose advised the Ripley County Fire Chiefs' meeting would be held in his office September 7, 2017 at 6:30pm. They would be discussing the Haz Mat contract with the Cincinnati group. If ALL did not agree and sign the contract the issue will become dead.

Tourism—Ms. Katherine Taul—9:27:18

Ms. Taul advised the commissioners she would be retiring 8/31/2017 and the Board had hired Ms. Terri Trowbridge to take her place. She also advised the Board appointed her to fill the board position vacated by Ms. Robin Dyer/Rein until the end of 2017.

DAR/Ross' Run—Ms. Janice Wilson—9:34:00

Ms. Wilson requested the commissioners sign a Proclamation Commemorating Constitution Week, September 17-23, 2017.

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

Prosecutor—Mr. Ric Hertel—9:39:42

Mr. Hertel advised the commissioners he had hired Ms. Ashlee Satterfield to fill the position of assistant Prosecutor and she will start the first part of September based on moving schedule.

EMS—Mr. Scott Huffman—9:44:20

Mr. Huffman appeared to discuss the Mutual Release and Termination of Emergency Medical Service Cooperative Agreement with Margaret Mary Health. This was the agreement the County had previously entered into to do hospital transfers for Margaret Mary Health. This service will be terminated 10/15/2017 due to the paramedic shortage and Ripley County was unable to staff the program as needed.

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

This commissioners stressed this termination has NOTHING to do with the 911 Emergency program in the county.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve the minutes of the August 14, 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 Linville moved to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

_____ Gary Stutler

_____ Rodney Stratton

_____ Robert Linville

Attest: _____ William Lee Wagner—Ripley County Auditor