

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting  
August 31, 2015

Commissioners meeting opened promptly at 7:00AM, Monday, August 31, 2015 at the Ripley County Highway Department, Osgood, Indiana.

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

Superintendent Heaton advised he had signed the fuel contract for Jan 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016 with Laughrey Valley Co-op. Gasoline--\$1.781 per gallon, Off Road Diesel--\$1.740, and On Road Diesel--\$1.897.

Cochran Painting had repainted the highway garage and Commissioner Linville moved to provide a payment to him for the labor of \$1000.00. Commissioner Busching seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Foreman Toops advised Bridge 36 (New Marion) plans were to be delivered 8/31/2015. The bridge will be shut down 30 days starting 9-8-2015.

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 8:01:40**

Mr. Lohrum advised he had mulched the trees around the courthouse and will stir the annex mulch before the Pumpkin Show.

**EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose 8:03:00**

Mr. Rose advised he had met with IDEM on 8/28/2015. Also he reported INDOT was having a mock disaster September 15-17, 2015. He was testing a cell phone booster for emergencies. It could also have additional applications in the county if it works.

Mr. Rose provided a Proclamation that September is National Preparedness Month. Commissioner Busching moved to adopt the proclamation with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Mr. Brad Street—8:10:00**

Mr. Street requested the county check a culvert at 7559 East County Road 200N as it was crushed and not allowing water to flow. Also he requested additional speed limit signs be placed on the road. The highway will check this.

**Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet 8:13:20**

Ms. Vollet advised she was upgrading the wireless in the courthouse. This should boost the signal for better connection. She has the funds in the current budget to replace the router.

**Health Department—Ms. Holley Rose**

Ms. Rose provided information on the Infectious Diseases/ EBOLA Grant. The health department will be using these funds to purchase 2 trailers for protective equipment storage. One will be used for the health department and one will be used by EMS. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the purchase with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Coroner—Mr. Ron Reynolds and Mr. Jason Smith 8:19:25**

Mr. Reynolds advised they wished to use volunteers to help with the coroner's office duties. He advised he had requested funds in the 2016 budget for compensation for the volunteers. Commissioner Busching moved to table the request until after budget reviews to determine if the Council established the positions. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

**BREAK—8:58:46**

**Sheriff Department—Sheriff Jeff Cumberworth 9:01:15**

Sheriff Cumberworth presented the commissioners with a jailer application for employment (Mr. Jacob Werner). Commissioner Busching moved to approve the application with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**EMS—Mr. Jim Corbin 9:03:40**

Mr. Corbin introduced Mr. Ted Jennings and Mr. Joe Newcomb from Medicount. Mr. Jennings discussed the issues with Rescue 30 and advised he had requested specific information on the breach of contract alleged by Rescue 30. He explained the procedure of the billing system and discussed the breakdown of Rescue 30 runs and billings. The issue of "double billings" which were actually amended billings was discussed and he advised the lines of communication with Rescue 30 had not been desirable. Rescue 30 advised they would review the report provided and attempt to reconcile the issues with Medicount.

**APEX—Ms. Toni Stinson 10:05:10**

Ms. Stinson was present to provide information of questions that were raised by a few employees on the dental insurance. She explained the dental limit was currently \$1000.00 and charges for dental work accrued towards the limit. She advised she would provide information to put into the pay packets for distribution to the employees that would help explain the benefit and clear up any questions.

Ms. Stinson also discussed the ACA reporting requirements.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2015 meeting and the claims as submitted. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioners signed payroll sheets, claim vouchers, and claims being paid from the commissioners' budget and minutes of the August 17, 2015 meeting.

With no further business at this time Commissioner Busching moved to recess to the Budget Reviews with County Council September 1-4, 2015. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

**September 1, 2015**

Commissioner Busching moved to reconvene with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

The commissioners were present for the county council budget reviews for all departments except that Commissioner Linville was not able to attend September 4, 2015.

After the budget reviews were completed September 4, 2015 Commissioner Busching moved to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed with 2 yes.