

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

September 4, 2020

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call - President Mark Horstman, Rodney Stratton, Gary Stutler, Auditor Amy Copeland and Attorney John Ertel.

Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert brought in the 3 quotes for the stairs in the courthouse. The quotes are from Levensteins Abbey Carpet \$18,925.00, Pulskamps \$13,728.83 and Jack Laurie Group for east stairwell \$5,975.00.

Motion: Commissioner Stratton made the motion to approve to fix the stairwells in the courthouse with the quote from Pulskamps for \$13,728.83, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rodney Stratton, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Herbert is still working on an elevator contract for the annex, jail, and courthouse.

Discussion

Commissioner Horstman spoke with Mrs. Cairns this week about staying with the county. Mrs. Cairns is wanting everyone to send her an email with what is happening in the office with IT so they can be in an order of complaint. Auditor needs to send an email out about what needs to be done (emails will be answered in the order received unless an emergency arises, call Midwest data if need be, if issues please contact county commissioners)

Resident – John L & Cheryl Swartz

Mr. & Mrs. Swartz are here about a drainage issue at 6137 N Baseline Road, Osgood, IN 47037. Commissioner Stratton asked if they had talked to Ray Toops at the highway garage. Commissioner Horstman thinks that the matter can be settled between them and the highway garage.

Area Planning – Tad Brinson

Public Hearing on a Rezone for 2 acres in Cross Plains on 129 S. Rezone board was a 9-0 vote. Mr. Darrin Wood was present and wanted the commissioners know that the Wood family is for it. Mr. Will McDonough was in with a presentation of what the site would look like for the new Dollar General if it was approved.

Motion: Commissioner Stratton made the motion to approve the rezone of the 2 acre lot in Cross Plains on SR 129, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rodney Stratton, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff – RuthAnn Adkinson

Mrs. Adkinson brought in a rehire for the jail.

Discussion

Opting out or opting in of Social Security Taxes out of payroll. **Motion:** Commissioner Stratton made the motion to opt out of the suspension of collection of the social security tax, we will keep things as they are in Ripley County, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rodney Stratton, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Stratton made the motion to approve the minutes from August 24, 2020. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rodney Stratton, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Stutler made the motion to approve the claims and payroll. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gary Stutler, **Seconded by** Rodney Stratton. Motion passed unanimously.

Highway – Ray Toops

Mr. Toops stated that the 350 E off of SR 350 job that GKL completed was done properly and the county will take over maintenance on it. Mr. Toops also stated that Dave O'Mara started laying black top in district 3 on Tuesday September 1, 2020.

Seig Surveying - Robert Seig

Mr. Seig was in to vacate all platted unimproved streets and alleys in the platted Town of Spades on behalf of Bradley S. Rynn. The unimproved streets are Miller Street, Main Cross Street, Ripley Street, and First Street. All adjacent property owners are in approval of this.

Motion: Commissioner Stratton made the motion to approve the ordinance to vacate all platted unimproved streets and alleys in the platted Town of Spades., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rodney Stratton, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

Court Services – Shannon Schmaltz

Mr. Schmaltz came in to talk about the Covid grant for the court services. Mr. Schmaltz is wanting an application of credit from Apple that needs to be signed by the commissioners.

Motion: Commissioner Stratton made the motion to approve for Commissioner Horstman to sign the line of credit for Apple IPADS, digital or handwritten, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rodney Stratton, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

Friendship Flea Market Owner – Jan Schnell

Mrs. Schnell was in to get help with getting compliant with the Health Department for her flea market to open. The county commissioners have told Mrs. Schnell that they have no authority to give her any advice.

EMS – Scott Huffman

Mr. Huffman is getting quotes for the bathroom in the Delaware location.

Motion: Commissioner Stratton made the motion to fix the scanner at the historical society, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rodney Stratton, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

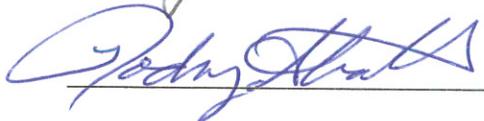
Health Department – Dr. David Welsh

Dr. David Welsh came in to talk to the commissioners about the Friendship Flea Market happening in Friendship, IN. Dr. Welsh is waiting on the ISDH to call him to give him feedback on the Friendship Flea Market. Dr. Welsh left for a few minutes to take a call from ISDH. Dr. Welsh came in with the concerns the state has with the Friendship Flea Market. The papers will be sent to Mrs. Jan Schnell for her answers on the Friendship Flea Market.

Motion: Commissioner made the motion to adjourn the September 4, 2020 meeting, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Rodney Stratton, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler.
Motion passed unanimously.

 Mark Horstman, President

 Gary Stutler

 Rodney Stratton

Assts:  Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor

