

^Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

September 11, 2017

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m. Monday September 11, 2017 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana. All Commissioners were in attendance as well as Auditor Wagner and County Attorney Ertel.

Superintendent Toops advised he had attended the Holton Water Company meeting to discuss the bill received by Ripley County for the water line struck in the county right of way while doing an emergency repair to a county road. He stated the line was moved by Dave O'Mara who did the work rather than just repairing the line. He stated he did not feel that the county should be responsible for moving the line and County Attorney Ertel agreed. The claim for damages is to be discussed with the insurance company for resolution. Total amount of the bill was \$5176.00.

Employment Consultant, Mr. Mark Sorrels, appeared to request the county provide him a place to send individuals who have had injuries that resulted in physical or mental limitations to evaluate them for their limitations. He stated there would be no cost nor liability to the county. The commissioners stated they would have a decision later in the day.

Superintendent Toops advised Ms. Sheri Hines of USI Consultants advised the new 4 year cycle of bridge inspections was starting soon and a form needed to be obtained from INDOT to request quote proposals for the inspections. These forms are due INDOT in the next 3 weeks.

Patrick Rose appeared to give the commissioners an update since he was to be at Muscatatuck for a training session. He has submitted two grants to obtain radios and cradlepoint modem systems.

Also, the Ripley County Fire Chief's all agreed to the Greater Cincinnati HAZMAT agreement and will be signed starting January 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. Commissioner Stutler, Linville, and Stratton, County Attorney Ertel, and Auditor Wagner were in attendance.

Maintenance—Mr. John Lohrum 8:20:25

Mr. Lohrum stated he had mulched the trees at the courthouse with help from the jail Trustees.

Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet 8:47:40

Ms. Vollet advised 85 of the 87 new computers had been replaced and the technology department was getting the old ones cleaned up and ready for sale on the auction site. They would be keeping a few of the best ones for backups.

Sheriff—8:55:00

Sheriff Cumberworth advised the commissioners that a water mixing valve on the water system had failed and he was looking at the warranty situation as it should still be under warranty.

He also advised he had an opportunity to receive a quantity of free vegetables and will be checking how much is available and when he can get them.

BREAK—9:17:39

Versailles Lions—Mr. Paul Sipples

Mr. Sipples requested the use of county grounds September 27-October 1, 2017 for the Versailles Pumpkin Show. The commissioners agreed to his request.

APEX Benefits—Ms. Toni Stinson—9:46:56

Ms. Stinson provided the commissioners with a comparison of facility claims paid using ELAP over the network previously provided. For the months of June and July the cost savings over the billed totals was 42% compared to the 30% average savings of the previous network.

Meetings for the employees to attend outlining the current procedure for the balance billed amounts and the help provided by the current Third Party Administrator and ELAP the negotiating department for the facility charges will be scheduled to make the transition for the employees as easy as possible.

Also negotiations with Margaret Mary Health and ELAP will begin to determine if a better discount can be provided to Ripley County Employees in their health needs. This will be for the facility only.

APEX will be contacting Margaret Mary Health about a program that several local hospitals have joined together to offer schools etc. a discounted rate for the physicians under their group.

Auditor provided Ms. Stinson the requested signed form canceling the Rx Help Center program effective October 1, 2017 as no employee had used the service.

Highway—Mr. Ray Toops 10:08:50

Mr. Toops advised the commissioners he had contacted the insurance carrier and they requested the claim be turned over to them to investigate and he had done so.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve the minutes of the August 28, 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.

Auditor Wagner requested the Commissioners review the corrected 2018 Holiday Schedule as Veterans' Day was overlooked on the original. Commissioner Linville moved to approve the corrected schedule with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

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