

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting  
September 12, 2016

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m., Monday September 12, 2016 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana.

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

The Commissioners discussed what needed to be done to establish the ADA Director position.

Foreman Steve Schonneg advised the Bridge #128 replacement had been started and the high water had caused some issues. They will continue work in order to meet the deadline for completion.

Commissioner Linville stated there had been a request for information on what was needed to extend Washington Street in Morris and it would need to be addressed in the meeting at the annex location.

With no further business to attend, Commissioner Busching moved to recess to the annex. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Busching 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, Busching, and Linville were present as well as Auditor Wagner and County Attorney Ertel.

**Maintenance—Mr. John Lohrum 8:20:10**

Mr. Lohrum advised electrical items taken to be recycled had a fee of \$15.00 each. He was to check to see if the county is exempt from the fee.

Mr. Dave Patterson of Patterson's Nursery spoke about the trees dying in the annex parking lot. He stated the mulch was too high on the tree and they had borer insects as well as a fungus. He stated they were not a very good tree for this area and all of them would probably die as there was no saving them.

Commissioner Linville moved to have him quote replacement trees in a hardy type for this area. Commissioner Busching seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Mr. Lohrum advised the courthouse doors could be repaired and refinished for a total of \$1500.00 by Mr. Brian Ellison who built them. Mr. Ellison will have them finished before Pumpkin Show depending on weather.

**Building and Planning—Mr. Tad Brinson 8:28:20**

Mr. Brinson presented the commissioners with an Ordinance to amend the Unified Zoning Ordinance of Ripley County (2016-07). This amended Section 80.24, E,(57) Restricted Commercial Farm Enterprise (a-j) pages 76 and 77.

Section 80.43 Definitions, adding wording to existing definition #5, renumbering and adding #9, 57, and 123 and also adding #7 and 8 to existing definition #139.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve the amendment with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet**

Ms. Vollet stated she had nothing new to report. The commissioners requested she provide them with the job description for the ADA Director position she vacated.

**EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose—8:47:35**

Mr. Rose provided the commissioners an update for grants through his department, the All Hazard Radio Booster project, and advised what the commissioners needed to do to make a declaration for evacuation if needed in an emergency situation.

He also presented a contract with Indiana University for research services or technical assistance to develop a Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

**Sheriff—Sheriff Cumberworth**

Sheriff Cumberworth advised they were moving secure lights from the kitchen to the jail pods to increase the brightness as required by the jail inspection report.

He also advised the car they were to dispose of was about ready to put on the auction site.

**Health Dept.—Ms. Holley Rose**

Ms. Rose requested the commissioners pay \$144.00 for the ribbon and material for the badge machine since they were using those for employee badges. Commissioner Busching moved to do so with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**BREAK—9:09:34**

After the break the commissioners reviewed the minutes of the 8/29/2016 meeting and Commissioner Linville moved to approve them as presented. Commissioner Busching seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the claims as presented with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Health Dept.—Ms. Vicky Powell 9:35:10**

Ms. Powell requested the annex parking lot for use in a drug drop-off 10/22/2016 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. The Ripley County Sheriff Department and Margaret Mary Hospital would be hosting the event. No objection was received from the commissioners.

**Mr. Kyle Chaffee and Mr. Dennis Kraus, Jr.**

Mr. Kraus (surveyor) spoke on the extension of Washington Street in Morris and requested the requirements of the county. He was advised of the present requirements but through discussion it was decided to review as the current specifications are more than the road being extended. Once reviewed it will be determined if any exceptions can be made in this specific case and the extension can be made matching the current width of the road or would be required to meet current specifications which is wider.

With no further business to attend to, Commissioner Busching moved to adjourn. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

\_\_\_\_\_ Gary Stutler

\_\_\_\_\_ Mark Busching

\_\_\_\_\_ Robert Linville

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ William Lee Wagner, Auditor Ripley County