

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting
September 26, 2016

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m., Monday September 26, 2016 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana.

Commissioners Stutler, Busching, and Linville were present as well as Auditor Wagner. Fuel pricing for 2017(\$1.879 for gas, 1.833 for off road diesel, and 1.993 for on road diesel) was discussed and it was decided to wait to see if pricing would come down. Salt for 2017 would be \$69.53 per ton on State bid.

The road assessment for the asset management program was complete and USI has the information.

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 arrived later in the meeting.

Maintenance—Mr. John Lohrum

Mr. Lohrum advised additional bids were to be received on the trees in the parking lot. Also additional quotes for the Univent replacement in the courthouse would be received this week.

Lighttower—Mr. Kevin Haughey

Mr. Haughey requested information from the commissioners on the requirements needed for the installation of fiber optic cable in the Versailles area. He introduced Mr. Mike Kole (right-of-way manager). Attorney Ertel advised they would need an agreement stating they would repair any road damage from equipment or boring and provide a \$1,000,000.00 bond to Ripley County.

Building and Planning—Mr. Tad Brinson

Mr. Brinson requested that Mr. Greg Fedderman replace Mr. Wayne Peace on the BZA effective 9/27/2016. Council Member Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose—

Mr. Rose advised the commissioners that Franklin County had received a huge amount of storm damage in the last storm but Ripley County had been spared and would not meet Federal thresholds for assistance.

He also advised he would be working on a grant from Homeland Security.

Amber May—Holiday Pay

Ms. May requested the commissioners review the handbook for clarification as she had not been paid for the holiday but had been at work when becoming sick and had recorded a partial sick day on the scheduled work day prior to the holiday.

A copy of the wording of the handbook was provided to the commissioners for review. Commissioner Busching moved to clarify the handbook to read that and employee MUST work the full scheduled shift day before and after the holiday to be paid for the holiday and compensation time earned, sick time accumulated, or vacation accumulated could be used to count as hours worked on those days. NO unpaid time off would be considered. The motion was to be retroactive to 9/1/2016. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

ADA Director Position:

The commissioners discussed the position with Ms. Becky Cairns and she provided them with email discussion she had had with Ms. Erin Hall, Title VI/ADA Program Manager with INDOT.

Ms. Cairns included a proposal of what the duties would entail and the requested increase of pay if these duties were included in her job description. The commissioners advised her they would propose the change to the Council at the October 17, 2016 meeting.

Sheriff—Sheriff Cumberworth

Sheriff Cumberworth requested direction from the commissioners on the Preventive Maintenance contract for the Jail. The commissioners advised him to try a quarterly contract. He will obtain firm quotes based on these parameters.

The commissioners reviewed the minutes of the 9/12/2016 meeting and Commissioner Busching moved to approve them as presented. Commissioner Linville 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.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request from APEX for a letter of recommendation for them to send to clients. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Health Dept.—Ms. Vicky Powell

The commissioners requested Ms. Powell research what the cost difference for a Ford Explorer vs. a Ford Escape. The Explorer would give them capability of towing the storage trailer. She is to advise.

Parks—Mr. Kenny Bowling, Mr. Chris Schmaltz, and Mr. Owen Menchhofer

Mr. Schmaltz requested the commissioners consider replacing the bleachers in the 4-H show areas. He had obtained two quotes. (The Park and Facilities \$28237.08 to \$28737.08 and Sturdi Grandstands \$27,065.00)

They requested the commissioners use the EDIT funds under the Commissioners budget for this update. Commissioner Busching moved to table the request until the next meeting October 7, 2016 with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Mr. Schmaltz also advised the 4-H also wanted additional space and suggested a concrete pad be poured for them to erect a tent during the 4-H Fair.

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