

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting  
September 28, 2015

Commissioners meeting opened promptly at 7:00AM, Monday, September 28, 2015 at the Ripley County Highway Department, Osgood, Indiana.

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

Commissioner Busching moved to amend his prior motion and make the berm specs for future roads and updates to roads to be turned over to county have a 4 foot berm. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Foreman Steve Schonegg stated that he had looked at County Road 550E in Morris and the contractor had put dirt and gravel in the ditch of the road. It was noted that it would be the individual bringing the road up to county specs to make sure it meets County specs when it is ready to be turned over to the county.

Also he discussed the barrier installed by cemetery owners in Napoleon on the corner of US 421 and County Road 850N. He stated they were ok as long as they were behind the State right of way. Commissioner Linville stated he had advised the owner he would need to bring the barrier in line with the fence now there.

Foreman Ray Toops stated Bridge 36 at New Marion was to have the beams set 10/6/2015.

Foreman Kissell stated he had received a quote for the new broom at \$40000.00 after trade in. The commissioners discussed priorities and decided to wait on the broom.

The discussion was then turned to trading the Bobcat and to get a quote on that as it was more a priority then the broom.

Superintendent Owen Heaton provided an agreement with Mr. Matt Werner of Flatland Farms, LLC. to haul cinders from Miami Fort in Miami Ohio for \$4.50 per ton as long as they were back hauls for him and \$6.00 if it was a direct haul. These prices were effective until 12/31/2015. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the agreement with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

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 Attorney Ertel and auditor Wagner.

**Maintenance—Mr. Johnny Lohrum 8:20:34**

Mr. Lohrum advised those serving Community Service sentences were going to sand down the courthouse doors and he was working with Probation to get supervision of finishing them.

**EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose 8:25:50**

Commissioner Busching moved to rescind Resolution 2105-01 and replace it with Resolution 2015-02 naming Commissioner Busching and Auditor Wagner as the individuals to execute grant or sub-grants and applications, etc for obtaining Federal or State financial assistance from the Indiana Dept. of Homeland Security or the homeland Security Foundation. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passes with 3 yes.

**Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet**

Ms. Vollet advised Open Control Systems would be providing information on saving energy for the annex at the next commissioners meeting.

Also the wireless for the annex was being updated 9/28/2015.

**EMS—Mr. Jim Corbin 8:40:00 and again at 9:03:17**

Mr. Corbin advised they would be providing a brochure from the Health Dept. to all drug overdose patients they transport the gives information on seeking help to overcome the drug use. He stated he was also investigating a claim of improper care provided over the weekend by one of the rescue units and would advise the commissioners of his findings at a later date once the investigation was complete.

Rescue 30, Mr. Rick Stephens, and the representative for Medicount appeared and advised the issues Rescue 30 were encountering had been noted by the written list from Attorney Eaton and the issues were being worked out. The one issue still remaining is and ALS run cannot be billed per Medicount's legal team unless a medic makes the ride to the facility with the patient. This is being explored to see if a protocol can be set up legally for this type of situation.

Chief Todd Schutte of Rescue 10, Batesville, advised the commissioners they had not had any problems with Medicount and were pleased with the service being received. He also stated they would like to meet with the commissioners to discuss the future of the EMS system in the County and how they will fit into it. They will be at the 10/9/2015 commissioners' meeting at 10:00.

Mr. Corbin advised a letter had been sent to Rescue 69 for payment of the outstanding balance of the balance due for the suspended ALS payments. Currently there is over \$48,000.00 due and a payment has not been received in over a year. The commissioners stated they were going to stick with the details of the letter and would hold funds from the next two draws to Rescue 69 to pay off the balance due.

**BREAK—8:46:26**

**Probation—Mr. Shannon Schmaltz 8:59:10**

Mr. Schmaltz presented the commissioners with an application from Ms. Aimee Cornett for part time employment. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Sheriff Department—Sheriff Jeff Cumberworth**

Sheriff Cumberworth advised the commissioners that the Spillman contract for the CAD system was being reviewed by County Attorney Ertel. He had no other information.

Commissioner Busching discussed the issue of no room in the annex parking lot for county employees and patrons doing business in the annex and courthouse during the Pumpkin Show. He requested Auditor Wagner contact the Lions Club and have someone attend the 10/9/2015 commissioners meeting.

**City of Batesville—Mayor Gene Lambert, MS. Sarah Lamping, Community Development, and Mr. Bill Flannery of Economic Development. 10:32:00**

Mayor Lambert and Ms. Lamping spoke and presented an update of the Merkel Road project and the development occurring in the Batesville business parks. They requested additional funding from the county since the project has changed from the original proposal and commitment of \$100,000.00 from the county.

Auditor Wagner discussed the issue with the credit cards issued to the county for use by the county employees for business needs. He stated it would be better to notify the office holders and employees that they must follow the procedures established or could be personally liable if charges and/or interest were assessed because they did not use the card properly. Also they could lose their use privileges. He will send a letter to remind all users of the policy.

Also a request by Great Mid-Western/Florida Plats to obtain files for parcels containing 2015 owners of record, parcel numbers, acreages, etc to work on new plat books. Commissioner Busching moved to grant them the information subject to reimbursement of any cost to provide this information to them. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the minutes of the September 14, 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 September 14, 2015 meeting.

With no further business to attend Commissioner Busching moved to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

\_\_\_\_\_Gary Stutler

\_\_\_\_\_Mark Busching

\_\_\_\_\_Robert Linville

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