

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

October 6, 2017

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m. Friday October 6, 2017 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana. All Commissioners were in attendance as well as Auditor Wagner.

Mr. Nate Jenkins, from Asphalt Materials, and Ms. Megan Yount, from Heritage Research Group, discussed various options and processes to use the millings from the I-74 highway project on the county roads.

Foreman Kissell advised the trucks were ready for bed construction. These should start in October and be 6-8 weeks once started.

With no further business to attend, Commissioner Linville moved to recess to the annex. Commissioner Stratton 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 8:20:00

Mr. Lohrum advised York Roofing would be checking the roof issue at the annex that day. He also advised there were several lights out in the parking lot. He was advised to get two quotes to repair.

Mr. Dave Drew, QPH, advised they had located the issue with the boiler in the annex. It was a control card out and needed to be replaced. He provided a quote for \$4240.00 that was a total cost to replace the card and reprogram the system. He was advised he would be notified.

Ms. Denise Schmaltz-

Ms. Schmaltz requested the commissioners make an exception to the employee handbook regarding bereavement leave. Her father had passed and the funeral home was unable to provide burial until a few days after the visitation. The employee handbook stated that bereavement leave had to be taken in consecutive days in order to receive pay for all the days. Commissioner Linville moved to make the exception and pay Ms. Schmaltz for the third day with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet

Ms. Vollet advised the old computers were being readied for sale on the county auction. 3 Also the county equipment asset list was being updated.

Building and Planning—Mr. Tad Brinson 8:37:31

Mr. Brinson requested the Commissioners accept the resignation of Mr. Greg Fedderman from the Board of Zoning Appeals and approve Mr. Scott Hobbs as his replacement. Commissioner Linville moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

EMS—Mr. Scott Huffman

Mr. Huffman provided the commissioners with the new 3 year contracts to send the emergency units. The contracts were reviewed and the only change was to allow Batesville EMS to have a Medic on their staff. The contracts will be sent to the units for signatures.

Mr. Huffman advised the commissioners that the transfer service provided to Batesville Hospital ceased 10/7/2017 as had been agreed upon with the hospital.

Sheriff--

Sheriff Cumberworth again advised the commissioners that JCD schools wished to purchase a surplus vehicle from the Sheriff Department for their Resource Officer. Discussion followed and the commissioners stated they could sell a vehicle but the county markings would be removed and JCD Schools could put their markings on it.

Sheriff Cumberworth presented the commissioners with Ordinance 2017-04 for their consideration dealing with the longevity for the Merit Officers for the Sheriff Department. Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the Ordinance as it mirrored the current application but had never been put into an Ordinance. Commissioner Stutler seconded and the motion passed with 2 yes. Commissioner Linville had to leave for a meeting with INDOT and was not present for the rest of the meeting.

Holton Water Company—Mr. John Meisberger and Ms. Sue Keys 9:31:10

Mr. Meisberger spoke stating the water company felt the county owed more than they had offered previously. He was advised the matter had been turned over to the insurance company for investigation and settlement and they would handle the issue. Auditor Wagner provided the insurance adjuster information to them to contact.

Main Street Versailles—Ms. Mary McCarty 9:46:00

Ms. McCarty spoke and requested the commissioners provide approval for the group on December 2, 2017 for “Santa On The Square” 5-7pm and they would also need an electric connection. Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed with 2 yes.

Coroner—Mr. Jason Smith 9:58:00

Mr. Smith advised they had had a problem with storage for bodies needing to be held. It was unusual for this to happen but he wanted to make the commissioners aware of the issue.

He also advised the Coroner had requested a grand from Rising Sun Regional Foundation and had been awarded a grant to purchase a new power cot.

Auditor Wagner presented the commissioners with a request from GAI Consultants for a limited use of the GIS system. Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed with 2 yes.

Also presented was the Riverboat Revenue Sharing with Rising Sun for signature and the letter requested by Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority stating the 9 months construction schedule benchmark had been met.

Commissioner Stratton then questioned the quotes for the cameras at the highway and QPH for the control card for the annex boiler. Auditor Wagner stated if they felt these items were necessary immediately an appropriation for the repairs could be done for the November meeting.

Commissioner Stratton then moved to have the work done and accept both quotes for a total of \$5254.07. Commissioner Stutler seconded and the motion passed with 2 yes.

Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2017 with an addition of wording to the Section Mr. Huff spoke adding that Mr. Huff had been given an opportunity to discuss the accusations in private but had turned it down. Commissioner Stutler seconded and the motion passed with 2 yes.

Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the claims as presented with a second from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed with 2 yes.

The Commissioners signed the Payroll Vouchers, Claim Vouchers, and Claims being paid from the commissioners' budget.

With no other business to attend, Commissioner Stratton moved to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed with 2 yes.

_____ Gary Stutler

_____ Rodney Stratton

_____ Robert Linville

Attest: _____ William Lee Wagner—Ripley County Auditor