

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting  
October 07, 2019

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 8:00 a.m. Monday, October 07, 2019 at the Ripley County Annex Building, Versailles, Indiana. Commissioner Stratton, Commissioner Stutler and Commissioner Horstman were in attendance as well as Attorney Ertel and Deputy Auditor Lisa Vestal. Auditor Copeland was absent. Commissioner Stratton opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag.

**Maintenance – Johnnie Lohrum**

Mr. Lohrum was in but had nothing to report. Mr. Lohrum stated that he was very pleased with the work that was done on the courthouse basement.

**Area Planning – Tad Brinson**

Mr. Brinson presented ordinance to update Clinics and Institutions & Hospitals and Institutions. Commissioner Horstman made the motion to approve both ordinances with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed 3 yes.

**Technology – Kelly Vollet**

Mrs. Vollet was in about the MacBook laptop that Sara Patterson has that belongs to county, and she would like to purchase the laptop. The cost of the computer in November of 2017 was \$1,199.00. Mrs. Vollet has estimated the cost value of \$750.00. Attorney John Ertel advised that if an item is not over \$1,000.00 it can be put on the county website for auction. If the item is over \$1,000.00 it must be advertised, sealed bids or Auctioneered. Commissioner Horstman stated that we need to get the laptop back, it was bought for county work and apparently it is being used for personal use.

Mrs. Vollet also informed the commissioners that the new recording system has been installed.

Commissioner Stratton asked Mrs. Vollet to check with the Priority Engineering concerning the scanner. The scanner company did a free analysis and the copier main board will cost about \$7,000.00 - \$8,000.00 for repair. Priority Engineering has offered a smaller machine (18x24) that cost \$20,000.00 when new, it is a rental program and they will do an even trade. Mrs. Vollet stated she would call and get all the information.

Commissioner Horstman asked Mrs. Vollet about ETC at the highway department. Mrs. Vollet stated ETC is working on a quote.

**Clerk – Ginger Bradford**

Requested that the commissioners sign stating that the Knights of Columbus in Batesville and Batesville Public Library are the polling places for the November

2019 election. Commissioner Horstman made the motion, Commissioner Stutler 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 3 yes.

**Sheriff Department – Mr. Jeff Cumberworth**

Mr. Cumberworth was in to present a new hire. Sheriff Cumberworth expressed concern over email going down, it was down over the weekend. The Sheriff's office and Judges rely on email in order to get PC information. Mrs. Vollet gave an update that if ETC goes down Comcast is the rollover. ETC is stating it is our network. Kelly thinks she knows what the problem is and it is ETC.

Sheriff Cumberworth states he is still working on the bids for the roof.

**Highway Department – Mr. Ray Toops**

Commissioner Stratton asked Mr. Toops about the AED's and first aid at the highway. Mr. Toops stated that they had both. Mr. Toops presented pricing on blade mix, hot mix, and pub mix. Mr. Toops asked if Pat Kissell could have an extension to use his remaining 7 days of vacation, he was unable to use them due to short staffed because of employee being off. Commissioner Stutler made the motion for Pat Kissell to be able to use his 7 day vacation by November 15, 2019, Commissioner Horstman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3 yes.

Mr. Toops reported the mower is in at Zimmer Tractor, tractor should be here in a couple weeks.

**EMA – Shawn Alvarado**

Mr. Alvarado stated that due to the rain we received last night he recommended that the burn ban be lifted. Commissioners signed the paperwork to do so. Mr. Alvarado stated that he received two grants, one for \$72,777.00 to purchase 19 radios and another was for \$150,000.00 for generators.

**EMS – Scott Huffman**

Mr. Huffman was in with a new employee applications. Mr. Huffman received a \$30,000.00 grant from Rising Sun to purchase radios. Attorney John Ertel brought up the discussion on the Rescue 69 building, he has been in touch with the prior owners and they thought that when Rescue 69 was done with the property that they would get it back, after talking with John they indicated that they would step away from the property. Commissioners directed Attorney Ertel to prepare the agreement and have the prior owners sign it, once it is signed we can move on to the appraisals and deed.

The Commissioners also discussed the grant monies that Mr. Huffman received for the chase trucks. Commissioners Horstman will look into what the funds can be used for the county portion of the purchase.

### **Health Department – Holley Rose**

Mrs. Rose was in and stated that the last email that she received from the state about the laptop Mrs. Patterson had was to follow internal county policies.

### **Miscellaneous**

Bill Jester – Cintas

Mr. Jester met with Holley Rose and she asked him to come to the meeting about the AED maintenance. Mr. Jester stated that Mrs. Rose told him there was not a first aid cabinet at the highway department and that the county has different brands of AED's. Mr. Jester proposed making everything the same in every building, Cintas would do the maintenance and training. Commissioner Horstman asked Mr. Jester if he could get some pricing for us and email to the County Auditor, Amy Copeland.

Lonnie Crite – Ripley County Resident

Mr. Crite was in about county road 850 south in Rexville. Mr. Crite stated it is a one lane road and very dusty. He also stated that half of the road is paved and the other half is gravel. Commissioner Stutler stated that he would get with his foreman and see what could be done and get back to him.

Donna Workman – Ripley County Resident

Mrs. Workman had a complaint about the Ripley County Humane Society when her dog ran away. Commissioner Stratton explained to her that the county does not own the Humane Society. Commissioner Stratton told her that she would have to talk to their board and advised her to contact them. Commissioner Stratton also told Mrs. Workman to document the incident with the Sheriff's Department.

Sara Patterson – Ripley County

Mrs. Patterson had questions about the MacBook laptop and her last paycheck. She stated the laptop was purchased by the state and she has been in contact with them, they do not want it returned to them. Mrs. Patterson would like to purchase the laptop. Attorney John Ertel requested a copy of the email from the state that says the laptop can be sold and they do not want it back, if that is the case the laptop needs to be put on the county website. Mrs. Patterson also wanted to know why she had not received her last county pay check. She was advised it was per the county handbook and the employee must return all county property in order to receive their last paycheck. Mrs. Patterson was told to return the laptop today then she can pick up her paycheck.

Randall Ashcraft – Adams Township Trustee

Mr. Ashcraft presented the commissioners the assistance schedule. Mr. Ashcraft wants to reopen a cemetery to use by all trustees as an indigent cemetery. Mr. Ashcraft requested the highway to help open the access to the cemetery, Commissioners Horstman stated he will check into this and get in touch with him.

Commissioner Horstman made the motion to approve the revised findings and order of the Ripley County Drainage Board, Commissioner Stutler 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3 yes.

Deputy Auditor Lisa Vestal presented the commissioners with the 2020 holiday schedule, commissioners meeting/accounts payable schedule, and payroll schedule to be signed. Commissioner Horstman stated he is not ready to sign the schedules due to he would like to have a commissioner meeting once a month in the late afternoon/evening. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

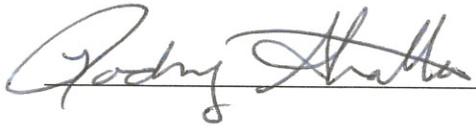
Riverboat discussion that Attorney John Ertel will send a letter to Ohio County that per agreement we should be getting a percentage of the riverboat monies.

Deputy Auditor Vestal presented the commissioners with the minutes of the September 23, 2019 meeting Commissioner Horstman made the motion to approve the minutes with a second from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed with 3 yes.

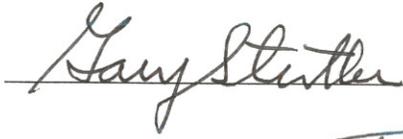
Commissioner Horstman moved to approve the claims with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed with 3 yes.

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

With no further business to attend, Commissioner Horstman moved to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed 3 yes.



Rodney Stratton, President



Gary Stutler



Mark Horstman

Assts: 

Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor