

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting
October 9, 2015

Commissioners meeting opened promptly at 7:00AM, Friday, October 9, 2015 at the Ripley County Highway Department, Osgood, Indiana.

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

Superintendent Owen Heaton advised that Solid Waste had advised they would NOT be charging the county for tire disposal.

Also he advised that the bond for Precision Pipeline had been cancelled by the pipeline company on August 15, 2015 as no longer needed. Attorney Ertel is looking into this matter.

USI advised they were required to re-inspect several bridges due to the weight limits being lowered. The commissioners signed the contract order.

Foreman Ray Toops advised the bridge near New Marion should be complete and opened by 10/16/2015.

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.

Farm Bureau—Mr. Paul Anderson

Mr. Anderson provided the commissioners with statistical report prepared by Farm Bureau on Indiana county operations.

Maintenance—Mr. Johnny Lohrum 8:17:00

Mr. Lohrum advised the courthouse lawn looked good after the Pumpkin Show.

Coroner—Jason Smith Deputy Coroner 8:23:00

Mr. Smith requested access to the annex building garage to clean and re-stock van when needed. He will contact Ms. Kelly Vollet for a key.

He also requested a fuel card to provide gas purchases when they are unable to use the Laughrey Valley gas card. Commissioner Linville moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Disposition of the old van was discussed and would be determined after looking at the mechanical issue.

EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose 8:41:20

Mr. Rose presented an update of the Milan Dam project and stated he would advise the commissioners of any additional information he would receive.

Break: 8:46:00

Sheriff Department—Sheriff Jeff Cumberworth

Sheriff Cumberworth presented the contract with Spillman to the commissioners for approval and signature. Commissioner Busching moved to approve with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Sheriff Cumberworth presented the commissioners with a new hire request for Mr. Scott Morris. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Sheriff Cumberworth presented the commissioners with two quotes for water softeners for the Jail and Courthouse.

Southeastern Water Systems for \$13,527.58 and Federman & Son's Plumbing for \$16,425.00. Commissioner Linville moved to accept the Southeastern Water System quote with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes.

EMS—Mr. Jim Corbin 9:11:00

Mr. Corbin presented Mr. Robert Price for employment. Commissioner Busching moved to approve with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes. The balance of \$53,950.00 owed by Rescue 69 to the county was discussed. This is for fees suspended during the 5/12 through 9/13 period and the November and December, 2014 invoices that were not paid. Quarterly draws are to be withheld until the balance is recovered.

BREAK 9:51:00

Clerk—Ms. Mary Ann McCoy

Ms. McCoy requested approval for the 2015 municipal election precincts. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes. (Copy enclosed.)

Rescue 10—Chief Todd Schutte 10:05:10

Chief Schutte advised the commissioners they were open to working with the county in partnerships in the future and developing better working relationships as the county EMS services evolve in the future. The commissioners thanked him and stated they would work with them as well.

Versailles Lions Club—Mr. Jerry Gilpin and Mr. Paul Sipples 10:35:36

The parking issue during the Pumpkin Show was discussed and solutions are to be explored to open the streets up around the annex building so patrons are able to get to the annex and courthouse more easily.

Auditor Wagner advised the commissioners of an employee that had a health claim denied due to a mix up by the doctor’s office by sending the claim to the wrong insurance company. Commissioner Busching moved to have Heritage process the claim since it was not due to the employee’s error even though it fell outside the 12 month filing requirement. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the minutes of the September 28, 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 28, 2015 meeting.

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

_____ Gary Stutler

_____ Mark Busching

_____ Robert Linville

Attest: _____ William Lee Wagner, Auditor Ripley County

