

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting  
October 24, 2016

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m., Monday October 24, 2016 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana.

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

The commissioners reviewed the fuel price quote and did not act as it was not in the range of pricing the expected.

Commissioner Busching moved to hold the last paycheck of Mr. Brian Sechrest until his uniforms were turned in to the highway garage. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

The commissioners discussed the issue with the carpet runners from Cintas not being what they considered up to standard. Commissioner Linville moved to purchase permanent runners rather than rent them. Commissioner Busching seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Bridge #128 has been set and poured. The guardrails are to be delivered and the bridge should be opened the first week of November.

Ms. Shari Hinds O'Riley from USI Consultants, Inc. spoke to the asset management Plan for Ripley County and presented the commissioners with the contract for USI to help finish the paperwork so the county can apply for the State Grant. The contract is on a "Not to Exceed" \$6000.00 basis. The contract will be reviewed by the county attorney at the annex portion of the meeting.

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.

**Maintenance—Mr. John Lohrum 8:07:56**

Mr. Lohrum discussed the Univent that needed to be replaced in the west end of the courthouse entrance. Quotes were received from Choice Mechanical Services for \$4500.00, QPH for \$3945.00, and Dunlap Contractors for \$2637.60.

Commissioner Busching moved to accept the quote from Dunlap Contracting for \$2637.60 with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

The commissioners also reviewed quotes from QPH (\$595.00) and Dunlap Contractors (\$733.00) for installing six dampers in air lines and insulating a water line. The commissioners advised they would act at the next meeting after QPH verified the quote.

The commissioners reviewed the quote from Patterson's Nursery, Inc. for replacing the Cherry trees around the Annex building as the current ones have fungus and are dying. Patterson's quote replaces 12 trees-6 Purple Prince Crabapple Trees and 6 Prairefire Crabapple Trees.(\$2625.00) Commissioner Linville moved to approve the quote since no other quotes had been received with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes.

The Patterson's Nursery quote for lawn care was not considered at this time.

**EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose—8:38:00**

Mr. Rose presented the commissioners with an update of grants pending, incidents that occurred, misc. issues and election support from his office.

**Ms. Phyllis McKittrick--**

Ms. McKittrick and daughter appeared before the commissioners requesting approval from the commissioners for them to donate framed artist renderings of historical Ripley County buildings and locations, such as the covered bridges and old schoolhouses. The commissioners inspected the drawings and accepted them. An engraved plate with be made to affix to the framing as donated in the memory of Howard McKittrick.

**Sheriff—Sheriff Cumberworth**

Sheriff Cumberworth requested two new hires—Mr. Aaron McIntosh and Mr. William Adams. Commissioners found no problem with these hires.

**Surveyor—Mr. Jeff French**

Mr. French appeared with Mr. Tony Veldhaus who requested the commissioners establish where County Road 550E ended as he wanted to build a new home and was not sure where the road ended. After review and discussion Commissioner Busching moved to establish County Road 550E extends and ends at 7233 N. County Road 550E. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

**Veterans—Mr. Ken Hylton**

Mr. Hylton discussed the State wanting to have Service Officers under the State management and Counties would receive some reimbursement. This has not been passed yet but was only information for the commissioners.

He advised he had ordered the new van for the Veterans Service Office for transport of veterans.

**Parks—Mr. Kenny Bowling and Mr. Chris Schmaltz 9:49:00**

The bleachers were again discussed and the commissioners advised there would be no decision until the grant request to the Rising Sun Regional Foundation had been acted on. Mr. Schmaltz advised they had been approached by the Southeastern Indiana Career Center on using the parking lot at the Park for Semi Truck Training. The commissioners advised there would need to be further discussion with the school and a contract drawn up.

**Clerk—Ms. Mary Ann McCoy**

Ms. McCoy presented the commissioners with the precinct voting location list for approval. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the list with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**USI Contract:**

Attorney Ertel advised he had reviewed the contract presented and had no issues with the wording. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the contract with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**EMS—Mr. Scott Huffman 10:11:00**

Mr. Huffman questioned the commissioners about the policy of not hiring back any employee that had been fired. After discussion Attorney Ertel recommended the commissioners continue the policy.

The commissioners reviewed the minutes of the 10/07/2016 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.

The Commissioners reviewed the Commissioner's Meeting and Accounts Payable Schedule, Payroll Schedule, and Holiday Schedule for 2017. Commissioner Busching moved to approve all 3 schedules with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

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