

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting  
October 26, 2015

Commissioners meeting opened promptly at 7:00AM, Monday, October 26, 2015 at the Ripley County Highway Department, Osgood, Indiana.

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

Commissioner Linville advised he had received calls expressing opposition on a rezone request for property north of Jac-Cen-Del High School. The Commissioners will attend the rezone hearing with the Zoning and Planning Board.

Foreman Toops advised the bridge at New Marion was open. Approach work may be done in the spring after settlement.

Foreman Kissell advised the quote for the service body for the bridge crew truck service truck was \$13,000.00. Commissioner Linville moved to approve the purchase with a second from Commissioner Busching. 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.

**Prosecutor—Mr. Ric Hertel 8:16:36**

Mr. Hertel requested the approval of two new hires for the prosecutor's office in Child Support and Victim Assistance. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the hiring of Ms. Ashley Werning and Ms. Robyn Rehn subject to the approval of Council of the new position for Victim Assistance. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Mr. Hertel will need to provide a salary ordinance for the new position and an appropriation for funding for 2015 if the Council approves the position for 2015.

**Maintenance—Mr. Johnny Lohrum 8:22:16**

Mr. Lohrum advised the drain piping for the downspout correction on the north side of the annex building was ready.

Also he had requested a quote from QPH on replacing the boiler in the courthouse as they are becoming worn and inefficient. Quote to replace them was \$55,000.00. The commissioners took the quote under advisement.

**EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose 8:29:50**

Mr. Rose updated the commissioners on EMA. The EMPG Grant was approved but the EMPG Competitive Grant was denied. He also provided for approval and signature a Memorandum of Understanding with Jac-Cen-Del School Corporation for use of the facilities, equipment and/or supplies in the event of a disaster.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the agreement with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

The next meeting of the Ripley County Emergence Management Advisory Council will be November 9, 2015 at 1:00 pm in the annex meeting room.

**Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet 8:39:10**

Ms. Vollet requested the Domain Controller Servers be replaced at the cost of \$20,000.00. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes. Funding from Cum Cap.

**Health Department—Ms. Holley Rose**

Ms. Rose requested the use of the annex corridor November 10, 2015 from 10:00am to 2:00 pm for the Great American Smokeout promotion. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Auditor Wagner presented the commissioners with a written request from Ms. Judy Schebler, 911 Director for a new hire, Ms. Tara Diem. Commissioner Linville moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**BREAK 8:51:49**

**Planning—Mr. Tad Brinson**

The commissioners requested information of the next Planning and Zoning meeting so they could attend. The next meeting is November 4, 2015 at 7:00pm in the annex meeting room.

**Sheriff Department—Sheriff Jeff Cumberworth 9:06:57**

The Sheriff appeared and had no issues to address with the commissioners.

**EMS—Mr. Jim Corbin 9:09:20**

Mr. Corbin provided the commissioners an update on the ALS fees and the savings to the rescue units with the reduced fee structure. Through September 2015 the rescue units had saved (collectively) \$71,900.00 from the reduced fee structure.

He also addressed the amount due from Rescue 69 on the suspended fees from 2012-2013. Mr. Corbin and Auditor Wagner had reviewed the information on checks received from Rescue 69 as provided and matched them to billings sent to Rescue 69. This review established the total due from Rescue 69 as of 10/7/2015 was \$53,950.00. As instructed by the commissioners the \$24,300.00 of the October draw was withheld to apply toward the suspended fees. Fees for runs in August and September 2015 were still outstanding and adding those left a total due as of 10/13/2015 of \$33,800.00.

**Probation—Mr. Shannon Schmaltz 9:27:50**

Mr. Schmaltz advised the Community Service individuals had cleaned up the basement boiler room and requested a key so they could set up a storage area for supplies needed for the community service program. The commissioners instructed him to get a key from Mr. Lohrum.

**Open Control Systems—Mr. Tim Coyne and Mr. Mark Ellis 9:30:20**

Mr. Coyne and Mr. Ellis presented the commissioners with a new monitoring system that could provide even more efficient system operation in the annex. Currently the energy use cost is \$1.23 per square foot. By making some minor changes to the system and using their monitoring program they predicted the energy use cost could be reduced to approximately \$1.00 per square foot. Average for Indiana is around \$1.50 per square foot. They would provide the equipment and software and the monthly cost for the monitoring would be approximately \$400.00. They predict the county will still save approximately \$600.00 per month net average over the cost of the monitoring program. This will be reviewed and the commissioners requested adding the server room to the monitoring and a price calculated.

**Solid Waste—Mr. Aaron Bell 10:01:00**

The Commissioners questioned Mr. Bell if there was a solution to stop the public from stopping at the highway garage to request hours of operation for the recycle center and to help eliminate the backup of vehicles on the road blocking the highway garage entrance. Mr. Bell advised the issues would be addressed and solutions explored.

Highway Superintendent Owen Heaton presented the commissioners with an updated quote for fuel for July through December 2016. The commissioners reviewed and instructed Mr. Heaton to continue to monitor the prices. Commissioner Busching moved to have Mr. Heaton lock pricing and sign a contract if the pricing was as good as or better than the current pricing for January through June 2016. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

The commissioners discussed with the Deputy Coroner the issue of restocking and cleaning the Coroner's van. Commissioner Linville made a motion that the coroner could use the annex garage area to restock and dry clean the van but NOT wash it. Commissioner Busching seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Auditor Wagner presented the commissioners with the proposed Holiday Schedule for 2016. The commissioners reviewed the schedule and Commissioner Busching moved to approve it as presented. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2015 meeting and the claims as submitted. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the claims being paid from the commissioners' budget with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioners signed payroll sheets, claim vouchers, and claims being paid from the commissioners' budget and minutes of the October 9, 2015 meeting.

With no further business to attend Commissioner Busching moved to recess until the Zoning and Planning meeting November 4, 2015 with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

#### **November 4, 2015 Zoning and Planning Board**

Commissioner Busching moved to reconvene with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 2 yes. Commissioner Stutler was absent.

The commissioners listened to the discussion on the rezone application for 12 acres for Helena Chemicals for a parcel on 421 North of Osgood. There was a motion made to send the commissioners an **unfavorable** recommendation for the rezone request which did not pass.

A motion was then made to send the commissioners a **favorable** recommendation for the rezone request which also did not pass.

This defaults to the commissioners to determine the request and will be heard at the next commissioners meeting November 9, 2015.

Commissioner Linville moved to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Busching and the motion passed with 2 yes.

\_\_\_\_\_ Gary Stutler

\_\_\_\_\_ Mark Busching

\_\_\_\_\_ Robert Linville

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