

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

November 6, 2017

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

Superintendent Toops presented two new hires for the Commissioners' approval, Mr. Jason Edwards (start date 11/6/2017) and Mr. Kim Brinson (start date 11/20/2017).

Commissioner Linville moved to approve the hires with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Superintendent Toops advised he had received 3 declinations for the Bridge Inspection Cycle starting in 2018 and one letter of interest from USI Consultants for the project. These will be opened at the annex later in the day. The next step is to have the commissioners score USI and submit them to INDOT for approval.

Also, the Notice to Bidders has been advertised for the supplies, Etc. required for 2018. The bids will be opened 12/18/17 at the commissioners' meeting.

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. Commissioners Stutler, Linville, and Stratton, County Attorney Ertel, and Auditor Wagner were in attendance.

Maintenance—Mr. John Lohrum 8:03:19

Mr. Lohrum advised he had not received any quotes to replace the parking lot lights yet. Also York Roofing had not shown up to fix the roof. County Attorney Ertel will call York Roofing.

Auditor Wagner advised the commissioners he had received a quote from Traditions Group to touch up the gold on the courthouse. However they had provided a certificate of insurance that indicated they did not carry Workers Compensation which disqualified them from providing service to the county. Auditor Wagner stated he had told Mr. R. J. Konkel, of Traditions Group several times until they could provide Workers Compensation no work could be considered.

The tax lien held by Ripley County on a property in Osgood that was to be assigned to another non-profit would need to be on hold as the property owner had filed bankruptcy.

Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet 8:38:10

Ms. Vollet advised ETC had installed the fiber optic lines. Phone lines were to be installed next week. They were waiting for the State of Indiana's approval to switch over the Emergency Services lines.

Sheriff—Sheriff Cumberworth 8:49:40

Sheriff Cumberworth advised he had hired a new jailer, Mr. Nicholas Pigmon to start 11/20/2017. Also he advised a heater had been replaced in booking and the rooftop heating units were in need of repair. Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the repairs with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes

Court Services—Mr. Shannon Schmaltz

Mr. Schmaltz advised Ms. Latisha Foster had agreed to serve the Community Corrections Board as a minority member. Commissioner Linville moved to approve her with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

BREAK 9:08:08

9:29:00 The commissioners discussed legal issues with the bankruptcy of the property owner in Osgood.

Ripley County Highway:

The Commissioners opened the letter of interest from USI Consultants for the 2018 cycle of bridge inspections. VS Engineering, Butler-Fairman-Seufert Civil Engineers, and Beam-Longest & Neff submitted letters of declination for interest in the project. The commissioners will now score USI Consultants and submit to INDOT for approval.

The commissioners discussed the opening for Dog Warden at length with no conclusion reached on how to do anything different at this time.

Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2017. Commissioner Stutler seconded and the motion passed with 2 yes. Commissioner Linville abstained since he had been absent for the prior meeting.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve the claims as presented with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

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

With no other business to attend, Commissioner Linville moved to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

_____ Gary Stutler

_____ Rodney Stratton

_____ Robert Linville

Attest: _____ William Lee Wagner—Ripley County Auditor