

## Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

November 19, 2018

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m. Monday, November 19, 2018 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana. All Commissioners were in attendance as well as Auditor Wagner.

Ms. Sherri Hines and Mr. Dereck Towle was present representing USI for an update on the Community Crossings Grant from the July submission. She addressed the result that Ripley County did not receive any Community Crossing Funding for the 2108 grant cycle. INDOT had received \$237,000,000 in requested funding projects and awarded \$100,000,000 with 77% going to towns and 23% to counties. Only 33 counties of 92 received and funding. The next cycle will start January 2019 and a new request for funding will be submitted with more detailed breakdown of costs for the project.

Blacktopping from the last Community Crossing Grant is still slated to be done this year but is behind schedule due to lack of crews available and weather delays.

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Stratton moved to recess to the annex with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Linville moved to reconvene the meeting with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes and Commissioner Stutler opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag. Commissioners Stutler, Linville, Stratton, Auditor Wagner, and County Attorney Ertel were in attendance.

### **Mr. Steve Dieckman—**

Mr. Dieckman addressed the issue of companies constructing solar fields and asked if the county had any ordinance regulating them. He was instructed to contact the Planning Department and get answers.

### **Building and Planning—Mr. Tad Brinson**

Mr. Brinson appeared to present the commissioners with a request for rezone from R-1 Residential to A-1 Agricultural to allow a cell tower that was voted as favorable by the Planning Commission. This request was for .38 acre in Part of Section 16, Township 8 North, Range 11 East, Center Township.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve the rezone from the recommendation of the Planning Board with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.  
(Ordinance 2018-08)

Auditor Wagner provided the commissioners with a quote from Negangard Enterprises for snow removal for 2019. Commissioner Linville moved to accept with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

### **Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet**

Ms. Vollet advised the elevator was out and the repairman had been contacted.

### **911—Ms. Leah Hildebrand**

Ms. Hildebrand requested permission from the commissioners to keep a small dog in the 911 dispatch area as a therapy dog to help relieve stress. She stated there would be no cost to the county for maintenance of the dog. She was advised to use social media to try to find the owner of the dog first and then advise the commissioners.

Auditor Wagner provided the commissioners with the renewal contract with Malcon for the cost allocation for Title IV-D. Commissioner Stratton moved to renew the contract with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Auditor Wagner presented the commissioners with the minutes of the November 5, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Linville moved to approve with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

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

### **BREAK—9:14:00**

### **EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose**

Mr. Rose advised he had opened a shelter during the ice storm and only 1 family took advantage of it.

Commissioner Stratton revisited the issue of personal days for employees.

Auditor Wagner provided the points that needed to be incorporated in the handbook for their review.

Commissioner Stratton moved to revise the Ripley County Employee Handbook to provide the county employees a mechanism to earn personal days beginning 1/1/2019 as follows;

- 1) Each full time employee will earn 25% of a personal day each calendar month. The 25% shall be applied to the normal 7 or 8 hour day based on the employee's normal work week of 35 or 40 hours.
- 2) The employee MUST work a full month each calendar month to be eligible.
- 3) Each employee may accumulate up to 5 days with NO additional personal days earned until the accumulated days fall below the 5 day maximum allowed.
- 4) On the last day of each full month it will be the office holder/manager's responsibility to calculate and enter the personal day percentage earned and report to the Auditor's office.

- 5) Unused personal days WILL NOT be paid to an employee upon termination of employment for any reason.

Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

**SIRPC—Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission—**

SIRPC held the public hearing meeting for the grant request for the Children’s Advocacy Center.

**Versailles Main Street—Ms. Roxanne Meyers**

Ms. Meyers requested permission to uses courthouse square and restrooms if the Town Hall did not get moved to the new location on the square in time for the Christmas event December 8, 2018. She also requested permission to put battery operated candles in the windows of the courthouse.

All requests were agreed to by the commissioners.

**JCD Schools—Mr. Dan Goris**

Mr. Goris requested a memorandum of understanding with Ripley County to use the Park grounds for reunification in the case of an emergency at the schools.

Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the request subject to review of the Memorandum of Understanding. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes. JCD will provide the agreement for review.

**BREAK—9:48:07**

**EMS—Mr. Scott Huffman**

Mr. Huffman provided the commissioners with the requested appraisal of the Delaware EMS property. Nuhring Appraisal Services, Inc. provided the appraisal at a cost of \$425.00.

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

Commissioner Stratton moved to recess to 1:00 pm for the EMA meeting with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**1:00 pm**

Commissioner Linville moved to reconvene with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

The commissioners took part in the EMA meeting as part of their Board. When the business was completed Commissioner Linville moved to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Straton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Rodney Stratton

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

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