

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting
November 21, 2016

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m., Monday, November 21, 2016 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana.

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

Superintendent Heaton provided the commissioners with quotes to roll the Bituminous Emulsion (oil) to 2017 from Marathon Oil and Asphalt Material. After review Commissioner Busching moved to accept the quote from Asphalt Material. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Foreman Toops advised several people had been interviewed for the opening in the bridge crew. Their recommendation was to hire Mr. David Franklin to start 11-28-2016. Commissioner Linville moved to hire Mr. Franklin with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Foreman Toops then requested that the commissioners allow him to carry over 3 days of vacation past his anniversary date in December 2016. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Superintendent Heaton advised St. Regis offered a large discount if the Highway Department would bundle the culvert purchase. Commissioner Linville moved to prepare the list and submit to St. Regis to receive the discount. Commissioner Busching seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

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 8:28:42

Mr. Lohrum advised the ramp at the courthouse was to be repaired when weather allows. The quote from QPH was presented for repairing the insulation on the chiller. The commissioners did not act on the quote and requested a second quote be obtained at which time both would be reviewed and a decision made.

Sheriff—Sheriff Cumberworth

Sheriff Cumberworth again discussed the Integrator system at the Jail. He provided quotes from Stanley Security for \$156,390.00 and automated Security Systems for \$160,000.00. Commissioner Linville moved to approve Stanley Security for the 2017 budget cycle contingent on funds availability. Commissioner Busching seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet 8:43:16

Ms. Vollet advised a fan switch at 911 went out and had been replaced temporarily until Boyer Technologies could repair. She also advised she was checking to see if the current phone system capacity would handle the request to finish additional offices in the annex building.

Court Services—Mr. Shannon Schmaltz

Mr. Schmaltz advised he had worked with the Health Department to obtain a wheel chair for use in the courthouse.

Also he requested the commissioners sign a grant application to the Ripley County Community Foundation. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the grant submission with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes and the commissioners signed the application.

EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose 9:22:20

Mr. Rose discussed the possibility of the ADA Coordinator duties being added to his job description. He advised he wanted time to contact other Coordinators to determine the procedure they were using but felt that a reasonable amount of compensation would be \$5000.00 based on the information he currently had received. He is to get with the commissioners at the next meeting.

Encore Insurance—Mr. Brad Samples

Mr. Samples presented the commissioners with the insurance renewal for the property, liability, and workers compensation for 2017. Total renewal premium DECREASED to \$236,569.00 which was a reduction of \$10,570.00.

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

Clerk—Ms. Mary Ann McCoy

Ms. McCoy appeared before the commissioners to discuss the excess comp. time earned by her employees in the Election room over the November Election. The only explanation she gave the commissioners was that it was due to the need to balance out the votes. She requested a deviation to the employee handbook for two employees to receive their excess comp time hours over the 40 hour maximum accrued limit.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve the request with the stipulation the excess comp time hours had to be used by the end of 2016. Commissioner Busching seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

EMS—Mr. Scott Huffman

Mr. Huffman presented the commissioners with 2 new hires request. (Mr. Matthew Mize and Ms. Marie Halter) Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Highway—Superintendent Heaton

Mr. Heaton provided the commissioners with the current quote from Laughrey Valley for the fuel pricing. Since it was higher than the current pricing it was decided to wait before contracting any fuel.

The commissioners reviewed the minutes of the 11/7/2016 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.

Auditor Wagner advised the commissioners the Ripley County Redevelopment Commission requested Mr. Barry Lauber and Ms. Brenda Wetzler be appointed to another term on the Board. Commissioner Linville moved to approve the appointment with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Also a letter acknowledging receipt from the Indiana Brownfields Program was signed by Commissioner Stutler as President of the Commissioners. This letter referred to the Arnold Cornett property located at 5203 East US 50.

The commissioners announced an Executive Session to be held November 28, 2016 at the annex building to discuss a personnel evaluation. Notice is to be sent to the media of the meeting.

With no further business to attend to, Commissioner Busching moved to recess to the 1:00 meeting for EMA. . Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

1:00 pm

The commissioners attended the EMA meeting as board members. At the end of the meeting Commissioner Busching moved to adjourn the Commissioners' meeting with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

_____ Gary Stutler

_____ Mark Busching

_____ Robert Linville

Attest: _____ William Lee Wagner, Auditor Ripley County