

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting  
November 23, 2015

The Commissioners meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m., Monday, November 23, 2015 at the Ripley County Highway Department, Osgood, Indiana.

Commissioners Stutler, Busching and Linville were present as well as the Highway Superintendent, Jr. Heaton, along with the 3 District Supervisors and the Mechanic Supervisor. President Stutler called the meeting to order.

Supt. Heaton advised that the Southeastern Indiana Career Center will need to start charging for radio tower usage. Tower rental will be \$150.00 each month along with a pro-rated charge for electricity. Since there is no current line item for charges as these, Commissioner Busching suggested that this would need to be submitted in writing and considered to be paid out of contractual services. Discussion was entertained on monthly payments verses lump sum payment. Supervisor Kissell will discuss with Brad Street of the Career Center as to the details of documentation needed.

Supt. Heaton also advises that Gibbco currently has cinders and we will continue to haul from them also.

Cargill has notified the Highway Dept. that we are on target to receive 650 tons of salt. Cargill will keep in touch as the winter progresses as to additional salt being acquired.

District 1 Foreman, Steve Schonegg, gave a progress report on the Millhousen Rd. Bridge. The footers are poured and it has been framed up, so progress is moving along weather permitting.

Foreman Schonegg was also stressing the importance of Safety First by using signage when county employees are working along roadways along with hard hats and reflective gear to provide an addition layer of safety. This reflective gear would allow for greater visibility for passing motorist.

Supervisor Kissell reports that the insurance company has taken the damaged pick-up. In addition, the county auction sold the van and title paperwork has been applied for through the BMV. The service body for the service truck will be having details worked out and bid will be faxed as soon as possible from Hedinger's in Greensburg.

Commissioner Busching moved to recess to the annex with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passes 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 Deputy Auditor, Amber May.

**Maintenance—Mr. Johnnie Lohrum 8:15:40**

Mr. Lohrum advised that he was still waiting on roof bids. He had called both again but had still heard nothing. He also said that QPH had to install a new expansion in the boiler room it was beginning to leak. He will also call QPH because the metal curtain is not working and it will need fixed. Mr. Lohrum also read a statement about selling to Helena so that it was recorded.

**Dave Osborne – Ripley County 4-H Extension Office 8:18:30**

Mr. Osborne presented the Commissioners with the annual appendix for contractual services. He was advised by Auditor Wagner to also ask about new carpet in their building. He suggested the commercial grade squares as they can replace those easily. The commissioners will table this until after the first of the year.

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

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

It was also discussed on some claims from the Clerk's office for postage they did not approve these claims due to they are able to use the postage machine in the building.

**Zoning and Planning—Mr. Tad Brinson 8:29:30**

Mr. Brinson asked for a new appointment to the Board. He suggested Maureen Sheets as she had been on it before and new all the requirements already. Commissioner Busching made a motion to appoint Ms. Sheets to the board. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes. The Commissioners also asked about some concerns that Ruth Riehle had brought up and asked why she hadn't received a letter from them. Mr. Brinson advised that they had told her she would not receive anything in writing from the board.

**Ripley County Park & Recreation – Warren Bruns 8:32:30**

Mr. Bruns presented the Commissioners with some buildings that were needing some attention soon.

Building 1 (Commercial Building) is in need of a new roof it leaks water now. They had got a quote from Comer's and it was \$10,000. The Grandstand is in need of being repainted. They also had a quote on this for \$9000. This is not really a priority but they would also do the fire retardant on it. And the big project is the drainage in the middle of the fairgrounds. They have received some grant money for this. But to be practical about this when they receive the rest of the money they will go to Council and get this

appropriated. They do need to do Building 1 before anything because they do store boats and campers in there for people. The last project is the electric in the cattle barn they seem to have a problem with it each year.

They discussed about the endowment fund and mostly this money is used for non-profits to use the show mobile. The funds are not looking good after this year.

The Commissioners requested they get 2 quotes on the electric and then get 1 more for the roof on building 1. The Commissioners will table this until they know what the County Council has given them for next year.

F & S Construction was also there due to being told the wrong date that they would be paid. Commissioner Busching made a motion to go ahead and pay them due to the work was already done. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes

**Prosecutor – Ric Hertel 8:51:31**

Mr. Hertel asked the Commissioners the process on what to do about the file folders and small equipment they lost due to rain. The Commissioners advised that he go ahead and call Brad Samples.

He also asked if he would be able to pay \$50 to two high school girls – one was his daughter - for coming in 9 hours and helping them with computer work during the murder trial. The Commissioners agreed to this. He also gave compliments to the Sheriff's Department for their work during the trial.

**Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet 8:53:55**

Ms. Vollet was there with Mark Ellis from Open Control Systems to explain the quotes he had on the air conditioner back-up for the server room. Currently the door is left open so this is unsecure and still the room is over 90 degrees if this happens too often this will wear those systems down. It would be a LG unit and would be an add-on to the current system. Mr. Ellis said they would supply the equipment but someone local would install it because they would rather that than getting one from Indianapolis. There will also be a unit in the attic because there is space there. The unit will vent out of the building with the current system that we have. He suggested having QPH do this since they know the building. He said the other thing he was here for energy savings at which they are at almost \$1000 a month in savings. Commissioner Linville made a motion that Ms. Vollet get a quote from QPH and they would review it again in 2 weeks at the next meeting. Commissioner Busching seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes. In this they supply the warranty on the equipment and the install it would be on QPH. They come in and program it and get the system going.

### **Sheriff Department—Sheriff Jeff Cumberworth 9:28:03**

Sheriff Cumberworth said he had no business.

They asked him if they needed help getting the shelving unit into the building could they use some inmates. He said that was fine just let him know.

They also told him that the Surveyor did want the old car. They have already filed for a lost title on this. It was said that we need to make sure that this gets off of their insurance and on to the Commissioners budget. The new car is on the road already but he will be getting quotes on getting a couple vehicles next year.

They also complimented his office on the trial. He complimented the Prosecutor and Judges' offices on their work also.

### **EMA – Patrick Rose**

He advised the Commissioners that he will encumber the money to upgrade their radios.

### **Keith Sieverding – Rescue 69 9:13:00**

Mr. Sieverding presented them with a report from Rescue 69. They asked if he was okay with the way they did the money. He said it would be tight but they would make it. He said they had made a lot of cuts. The county is now the only one that they owe money to. Commissioner Stutler asked him because they had been asked the question as to why when they may be eating somewhere they leave their trucks running. Mr. Sieverding said that it was to keep their IV fluids warm these can't get under a certain temperature.

### **EMS—Mr. Jim Corbin 9:21:30**

Mr. Corbin presented a report of the units on ALS fees. He presented them also with 2 applications for employees – they were for Andrew Naumann and Justin Speer. Commissioner Busching made a motion to approve these new hires. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

He asked about charging for a person that they only look at and not transport. The billing company says due to Medicare laws they cannot due this. He suggested they charge \$50 for each run no matter due to transport or not. Attorney Ertel suggested that there be an addendum to the contract to add this. They will work on this and start it as of 1-1-16.

### **BREAK**

### **Batesville Redevelopment Commission – 9:45:42**

They were present about the Merkel Road development. They had met with the County Council a couple of times and they gave a favorable recommendation. If they get favorable approval from the Commissioners then they will get on the agenda which is dependent on a favorable recommendation from the Board of Works which will meet December 14. With this contribution they will move on and hope to get started in the engineering standpoint at the beginning of the year. They hope to have this done around July of 2016. They believe it is a huge economic advantage for everyone. They hope they agree to the

\$275,000 contribution and with this the City will take over the road. The agreement was \$75,000 this year and the rest next year with the City taking over the road once the final payment was given. The City will provide the county with a copy of the invoices and then the county will give them money to reimburse them. They wanted to make sure that the invoices only say Merkel Road Project.

Attorney Ertel will write up a contract and hope to have it to them to take with them to their meeting. The 2016 EDIT Plan will have to be revised to add this project. Commissioner Linville made a motion to approve the \$275,000 with the stipulations that were given. Commissioner Busching seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes. They did say it had been a great time working with both the Commissioners and Council. They have passed this on to the new administration and suggested that they give regular updates on what is going on in Batesville.

It was then brought to the Commissioners attention that due to nepotism Ric Hertel couldn't pay his daughter. Mr. Hertel then came to the meeting again at the Commissioners request. He then told the Commissioners that the Attorney General had exempted them from the nepotism laws. He will supply them with a copy of this notice. They then agreed to the payment when this was provided to them.

With no further business to attend Commissioner Busching moved to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

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

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

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

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