

## Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

December 3, 2018

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m. Monday, December 3, 2018 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana. All Commissioners were in attendance as well as Auditor Wagner.

Superintendent Toops advised that the Community Crossing Grant Projects were completed as of 12/2/2018.

Foreman Kissell advised the new truck beds were being installed and the trucks should be delivered January 2019.

He also advised a grant through Rising Sun Regional Foundation would be submitted for replacing a mowing tractor.

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

### **Personal Days—**

Commissioner Stratton revisited the Personal Days issue with a review of the proposed Ripley County Employee Handbook policy change. After discussion Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the change with the following corrections: Item 3@ listed under personal days was to be stricken and the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph corrected by removing the word not from the sentence. Change is to become effective 1/1/2019. Commissioner Linville seconded the motion and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Auditor Wagner requested the 6 month extension for Lisa Vestal to take the last 4 days of her vacation that was not possible to take before the end of 2018. This request was due to the short staff from May to September, 2018 Ms. Vestal had been unable to take her vacation before her anniversary date.

Commissioner Linville moved to grant the 6 month extension with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

### **Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet**

Ms. Vollet addressed using a wireless letup for the fire alarm monitoring. Currently analog lines are being used and wireless would be more efficient. Changing is not mandatory but the Commissioners requested more information be obtained before a decision would be made.

**EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose**

Mr. Rose advised he would be checking on a grant from Rising Sun Regional Foundation for grants that the county could be eligible for in 2019. He also discussed the coming exercises scheduled for EMA.

**Sheriff—Sheriff Jeff Cumberworth**

No one was present from the Sheriff Department but an invoice from Marathon Engineering Corporation had been sent requesting half paid up front for the Padded Cell repair. The invoice provided a 9.25% discount for prepayment. Invoice total due for the first installment was \$6464.50. This amount is to be paid from the ADA budget.

Commissioner Stratton moved to provide payment to obtain the discount with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Health Board—Dr. Harley Robinson**

Dr. Robinson appeared to dispute the fact that the commissioners did not appoint him for a new 4 year term beginning 1/1/2019. He stated he felt that he had served on the board for about 25 years he would be grandfathered from the change that required board members to “reside” in the county of the board. County Attorney Ertel reviewed the statute and stated it did not address any grandfather clause and owning property in the county did not constitute a residency. He stated that Dr. Robinson could contact the State Attorney General to get a ruling from that office that could change the residency issue for him. However without that he could not recommend the commissioners reappoint Dr. Robinson to the County Health Board.

**Encore Insurance—Mr. Brad Samples**

Mr. Samples appeared with the 2019 renewal statement for the county property, auto, liability etc. Coverages for the property increased and the Workers Compensation declined with slight decrease for 2019. Renewal amount was presented at \$240,106.00

Commissioner Linville moved to renew the coverages for 2019 with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Court Services—Mr. Shannon Schmaltz**

Mr. Schmaltz requested the commissioners approve the purchase for materials to paint the Superior Courtroom and offices using his community service people. The commissioner granted this request with cost of paint and materials being paid from the commissioner budget.

**Maintenance—Mr. Johnnie Lohrum**

Mr. Lohrum advised quotes to waterproof the courthouse basement were to be received. He also requested the commissioners explore awnings of some kind over the entrances of the courthouse to keep ice and snow from falling on patrons/employees and also keep the sun off the doors that would save them from weather and sun.

**Recorder—Ms. Mary Ann McCoy**

Ms. McCoy presented the CSI Redaction Contract for the Recorder’s Office from 7-1-2018 to 6-30-2019. Base cost is \$1283.00 per year. Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the contract with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Highway—Superintendent Toops**

Mr. Toops provided additional information on the project in Napoleon on Millhousen Road that requires a manhole. The manhole would be at the edge of the road but required the road to be cut to install. The commissioners agreed to allow the road to be cut. The project will be done January 2019 subject to weather.

**EMS—Mr. Scott Huffman**

Mr. Huffman advised he was trying to submit grant requests to Rising Sun Regional Foundation and The Reynolds Foundation for replacing the 2 chase trucks.

Ms. Holley Rose advised she had purchased Christmas lights for the tree in the annex foyer and requested the commissioners reimburse her. Commissioner Linville moved to do so with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Auditor Wagner presented the commissioners with the minutes of the November 19, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Linville moved to approve with a second from Commissioner Stratton. Motion passed with 3 yes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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