

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting
December 5, 2016

The Commissioners' meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m., Monday, December 5, 2016 at the Ripley County Highway Garage, Osgood, Indiana. Commissioners Stutler and Linville were present as well as Auditor Wagner.

Mr. Mike Raney provided the current quote for fuel for 2017 from Laughrey Valley Co-Op. Commissioner Linville moved to table the quote with a second from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed with 2 yes.

Foreman Kissell stated the trucks and cinder boxes were ready for winter.

Mr. Dave Osborne appeared with the request of the commissioners to sign the contract between Purdue and Ripley County for the Extension Office services for 2017. Commissioner Linville moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed with 2 yes.

With no further business to attend, Commissioner Linville moved to recess to the annex. Commissioner Stutler seconded and the motion passed with 2 yes.

Commissioner Linville moved to reconvene the meeting with a second from Commissioner Busching. 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 8:14:42

Mr. Lohrum advised he was waiting on a quote from Koch on the heat exchanger repair.

Malcon—Mr. Charles Malinowski 8:17:40

Mr. Malinowski presented the renewal contract for Preparation of Medicaid Ambulance Cost Reports for years 2016-2017-2018. Commissioner Linville moved to approve the contract with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Auditor Wagner provided the commissioners with the appointment request from Solid Waste for Board appointments. Commissioner Busching moved to appoint Mr. Rodney Stratton (the incoming Commissioner 1-1-17) as the commissioners' appointment with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Busching then moved to appoint Mayor Mike Bettice as the Municipal Representative with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Auditor Wagner then presented the request to appointment Dr. James Hollis to the Health Board. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

The commissioners reviewed the minutes of the November 21, 2016 meeting and the Minutes of the November 28, 2016 Executive Session Meeting. Commissioner Linville moved to approve the minutes of both meetings with a second from Commissioner Busching. 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.

EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose 8:46:45

Mr. Rose advised he would accept the additional responsibilities of ADA and Title 6 Coordinator beginning 1-1-2017. Commissioner Busching moved to approve this revision and start date of 1-1-2017 with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

8:51:00 BREAK

Sheriff—Sheriff Cumberworth

Sheriff Cumberworth reported there were no new issues to discuss.

EMS—Mr. Scott Huffman

Mr. Huffman appeared and presented letter and proposal from Milan Rescue 30 Board of Directors stating that Milan Rescue 30 was not financially able to continue to operate based on their present revenues and requested that Ripley County assume the operation of the Rescue 30 facility and operations beginning February 1, 2017, which would keep the Basic Life Support operation within the Town of Milan.

After discussion Commissioner Linville moved to accept the proposal based on the final contract between the parties involved being presented at the December 19, 2016 meeting for signatures. Commissioner Busching seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

County Attorney Ertel is to meet with Mr. Larry Eaton, Attorney for Rescue 30 and Ms. Lynn Fledderman, Attorney for The Town of Milan to work out the appropriate terms and language for the contract.

Auditor Wagner advised Traditions Group had submitted a quote to touchup and seal the gold on the courthouse tower. In reviewing the certificate of insurance the company did not have any workers compensation coverage and did not meet the requirements of the

county for contractors to do work for the county. Commissioner Linville moved to not accept the quote with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Highway—

The fuel quote was revisited and Commissioner Linville moved to contract 30,000 gallons of gas and 30,000 gallons of diesel under the escalating and de-escalating quote of \$1.713 for gas and \$1.746 off road diesel and \$1.903 for on road diesel for a 3 month period. The price will fluctuate with each delivery. Commissioner Busching seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Linville then moved to rescind his motion and change it to a 6 month period. Commissioner Busching seconded and the motion passed with 3yes.

Next Commissioner Linville addressed the opening for Highway Superintendent with the retirement of Mr. Owen Heaton on 12-31-2016.

Commissioner Linville moved to appoint Mr. Ray Toops to the position effective 1-1-2017. Commissioner Stutler seconded and the motion passed with 2 yes and Commissioner Busching abstaining.

Commissioner Elect Rodney Stratton requested he be removed as the Commissioners appointment to the Solid Waste Board. Commissioner Busching moved to remove Mr. Stratton from the appointment and appoint Commissioner Linville. Commissioner Stutler seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

With no further business to attend to, Commissioner Busching moved to adjourn. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

_____ Gary Stutler

_____ Mark Busching

_____ Robert Linville

Attest: _____ William Lee Wagner, Auditor Ripley County