

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting
December 7, 2015

The Commissioners meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m., Monday, December 7, 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 and Auditor Wagner. President Stutler called the meeting to order.

Bridge 128 quote was received for \$77,840.00, it will be invoiced and encumbered.

Foreman Kissell reported the backhoe had been purchased and will also be encumbered. Commissioner Linville moved to recess to the annex with a second from Commissioner Busching. 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 Auditor Wagner.

Maintenance—Mr. Johnnie Lohrum 8:02:00

Mr.Lohrum advised he had been unable to get the contractors to return calls with quotes for the courthouse roof repair.

Dave Crew of QPH discussed the installation of a cooling unit for the IT room only. Open Control Systems will provide the unit (\$2885.00) and QPH is to install (\$5885.00).

Also Open Control Systems advised the unit needed to be tied into the monitoring system to notify of any malfunctions. The cost savings program was discussed and it was stated that the installation of the monitoring for the IT room and the cost savings program would not exceed \$4000.00. Commissioner Busching moved to approve both projects based on the not to exceed cost of \$4000.00 with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

The electric plug need for the courthouse card reader on the west door was discussed. Commissioner Busching moved to approve Lohrum Electric to install the receptacle. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Sheriff Department—Sheriff Jeff Cumberworth

Sheriff Cumberworth presented the commissioners with the new hire choices for the Courthouse Security personnel beginning 1/1/2016. Full Time person was Mr. Lee Mathews and part time people were Mr. Michael Black and Ms. Terri Calihan. Commissioner Linville moved to accept the requests with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Sheriff Cumberworth discussed the cell door locks in the old jail. These are approximately \$17,000.00 to be replaced and they are having trouble with them jamming and not properly working. Commissioner Busching moved to replace the locks with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Sheriff Cumberworth also advised an additional camera was needed in the generator area and requested permission to order and install. He stated he had the funds to purchase. Commissioner Busching moved to allow the purchase with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

EMA – Patrick Rose 8:27:35

Mr. Rose updated the commissioners on the P25 radio changeover. There were a few issues that are being worked through before complete.

BREAK 9:33:26

Veteran’s Office—Mr. Ken Hylton 9:51:20

Mr. Hylton advised of a person that was offering a fund raising opportunity for the Veteran’s Office to use a location and band she had paid for but could no longer use and she would donate the reservation to the Veteran’s Office. Funds raised would go towards a new transport van for the department. Commissioner Busching moved to allow Mr. Hylton to pursue the opportunity with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Workforce Development—Mr. Matt Wirth 10:10:00

Mr. Wirth requested a letter of support from the county for the grant they were submitting for Workforce Development. Commissioner Busching moved to sign the letter with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

He also advised the commissioners of the Mid-America Science Park in Scottsburg that was providing training for workers to meet the manufacturers requirements.

Clerk—Ms. Mary Ann McCoy 10:19:00

Ms. McCoy advised the commissioners of her choice of Ms. Christina Moore to fill a vacancy in the Clerk's office full time 1/1/2016. She will be working as clerical until then to learn the position. Commissioner Linville moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes.

She also requested the commissioners consider maintenance agreements with GBS to maintain the election machines. She presented a one - time maintenance plan for \$3810.00 and an annual plan for \$6305.00. Commissioner Linville moved to approve the annual plan for \$6305.00 with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Auditor Wagner provided the commissioners with a request from Mr. Timothy Molinari of Milan 54, Inc. to provide a new letter of support in their fundraising efforts. The commissioners instructed Auditor Wagner to prepare the letter for their signature.

County Attorney Ertel provided the commissioners with the Interlocal Agreement for Economic Development and Road Re-Construction Project between the City of Batesville, Indiana and Ripley County, Indiana Concerning Merkel Road from Lammers Pike to State Road 46.

Commissioner Linville moved to approve the agreement with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes. Agreement is to be submitted to Batesville for approval.

Storm Ready Presentation—Mr. Patrick Rose

Mr. Brandon Peloquin from the National Weather Service of Wilmington, Ohio advised the commissioners that Ripley County had obtained the status of Storm Ready after meeting numerous stringent requirements. He presented the commissioners with a sign stating the county was Storm Ready.

Those attending the presentation were:

Mr. Brandon Peloquin (NWS Wilmington)

Mr. Darrel Ake (Ripley County EMA Volunteer)

Mr. Todd Schutte (Batesville Fire Chief)

Maj. Matt Chastain (KYARG, Civil Air Patrol, and Ripley County EMA Volunteer)

Mr. Tony Wood (Friendship Water Board)

Mr. Ollie Craig (Communications Officer/Administrative Asst. (Ripley County EMA)

Mr. Rich Corkhum (Deputy Director Ripley County EMA)

Commissioner Busching moved to approve minutes of the November 23, 2015 with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed 3 yes.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the claims being paid from the commissioners' budget with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

With no further business to attend Commissioner Busching moved to recess to December 14, 2015 at the Council Meeting at 7:00 pm in the annex meeting room for the sole purpose of hearing any modifications or revisions to the Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Batesville, Indiana and Ripley County, Indiana for the Economic Development and Reconstruction/Improvement of Merkel Road, with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

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Commissioner Busching moved to reconvene with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes. All commissioners were in attendance along with Auditor Wagner and Attorney Ertel.

Commissioner Busching moved to rescind the Interlocal Agreement with Batesville for Merkel Road signed 12/7/2015 and approve the revised 12/14/2015 Interlocal Agreement with Batesville for Merkel Road with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

With no further business to attend to 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

