

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting  
December 21, 2015

The Commissioners meeting opened promptly at 7:00 a.m., Monday, December 21, 2015 at the Ripley County Highway Department, Osgood, Indiana.

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

Mr. Mike Oberfell from USI was present to discuss the mix-up with the contracts for the bridge inspections and how to correct the issue for INDOT. This consisted of a termination letter for the contract dated 5/23/14 and a statement the contract dated 6/9/2014 was the contract remaining in force. Also a signed Supplemental Agreement #1 to be forwarded to INDOT. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the correction to send to INDOT with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

The fuel contract for July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 was discussed. Pricing for fuel was offered by Laughrey Valley Co-op at:

Gas 87 octane--\$1.709

Off Road Diesel--\$1.669

On Road Diesel--\$1.826

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

Superintendent Heaton advised the commissioners the Town of Holton had requested purchasing 5 tons of salt from the County. Commissioner Linville moved to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Foreman Kissell stated he had received a letter of approval from the Rising Sun regional Foundation for the grant request of \$16,000.00 to purchase 3 snowplows.

With no further business Commissioner Busching moved to recess to the annex meeting room. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed 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 8:12:57**

Mr. Lohrum advised the electric had been installed for the west entry doors of the courthouse for the security entry. He also advised a water circulation pump at the annex had gone bad and QPH had been called to repair. They are checking on warranty.

**EMA—Mr. Patrick Rose 8:16:38**

Mr. Rose informed the commissioners he had received a request from Mr. Todd Schutte to have an LEPC radio turned off that had been loaned to Rescue 69. He stated he had done so since the radio was owned by the LEPC.

**EMS—Mr. Jim Corbin 8:21:50**

Mr. Corbin provided the commissioners with an update of the savings to the Rescue units through November, 2015 with the reduced BLS fees charged to the units. Total through November is \$86,800.00.

Also provided was the update for Rescue 69 on the balance owed the County for the fees suspended May 2012 through September 2013 to help them get back on their feet. Balance was \$29650.00 with the BLS run fees for August (\$2000.00), October (\$1500.00), and November 2015 (\$950.00) which had not been paid totaled \$34,100.00. The County will continue holding the quarterly payments to Rescue 69 until the outstanding balance is satisfied.

Mr. Corbin also presented 3 applications for employment-Mr. Stephen Macke, Ms. Heidi King, and Mr. Kyle Menkedick. After review Commissioner Busching moved to approve the applications with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

**Technology—Ms. Kelly Vollet 8:34:30**

Ms. Vollet stated a phone module had gone out in the courthouse and Boyer Technology will replace it.

**Building and Planning—Mr. Tad Brinson 8:37:50**

Mr. Brinson provided the commissioners with a rezone request on 1.5 acres at 4980 E. US 50 Dillsboro, In. 47018. The planning board had given a favorable vote for this request. Commissioner Busching moved to table the request until State permits and the county variance is obtained. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Next the commissioners reviewed the ordinance to amend Section 80.44 (D) of the Area Zoning Code of Ripley County, Indiana, 2006. After review Commissioner Busching moved to approve the amendment with Ordinance 2015-08 with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Next was an ordinance to amend 81.04 (B) fees and Section 81.04 Figure 1 Step 1 (B) (25) of the Area Subdivision Control Code of Ripley, County, Indiana, 2006. After review Commissioner Busching moved to approve the amendment with Ordinance 2015-09. Council Member Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Next an ordinance to amend sections 80.30 (A), (D)(1) and 80.43 (97) and (98) of the area zoning code of Ripley County, Indiana, 2006 was presented. After review Commissioner Busching moved to approve the amendment with Ordinance 2015-10 with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Last, Mr. Brinson presented the amendment for the Building Permit Fees. After discussion and review Commissioner Busching moved to approve the amendment with Ordinance 2015-11. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

**Sheriff Department—Sheriff Jeff Cumberworth 9:03:00**

Sheriff Cumberworth presented applications for new hires: Chyenne Jarrett, Todd Black. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the applications with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Sheriff Cumberworth then advised the installation of the card reader that had been installed on the west courthouse doors did not meet fire code and needed to be replaced with a different set up. This was an additional \$3,430.92 to the original cost of \$2796.40 that was approved in the November 9, 2015 meeting for a total of \$6227.32. Electric hook up is additional to this cost as well.

**BREAK 9:15:34**

**Probation—Mr. Shannon Schmaltz 9:28:08**

Mr. Schmaltz requested the extension of 6 months for Ms. Jenny Wise's vacation. She had moved to the Community Corrections Department and due to the start up time involved was unable to take her vacation time prior to her anniversary.

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

**Prosecutor—Mr. Ric Hertel**

Mr. Hertel advised the commissioners he had received a check for water damage to some equipment and would be turning the check into the Auditor's Office.

### **Encore Insurance—2016 Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal—Mr. Brad Samples**

Mr. Samples provided the commissioners with a breakdown of the 2016 renewal for the county property and casualty insurance. Renewal will be \$246,113.00 compared to 2015 at \$251,114.00.

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

### **Bid Opening—10:07:45**

The commissioners opened bids for the following:

Concrete—INI Materials and Raver Concrete

Blacktop—Rohe, Global, Hot Mix Inc. ,and O'Mara

Blacktop Laid—Rohe, O'Mara, Global

Stone—New Point Stone and Hansen Aggregates

Bridges/Culverts—E&H Bridge, CPI, and Civil Con

Commissioner Busching moved to take under review for compliance with the bid specs and awards to be made 12/28/2015 9:00 am. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

### **Southeastern Indiana Solid Waste—Mr. Aaron Bell**

Mr. Bell provided the commissioners with updates to concerns expressed at the prior meeting. The phone numbers of the drop off locations are being made more available and employees have been instructed to keep the cell phones with them at all times. The centers are opening the gates earlier to get traffic off the county roads and into the locations.

Also he provided the commissioners with information how some jurisdictions were combating illegal dumping for their consideration.

### **Clerk—Ms. Mary Ann McCoy**

Ms. McCoy came to the commissioners with a request for an exception to the personnel handbook regarding vacation benefits for Ms. Debra Hackman, who was elected to Clerk for the Town of Milan effective 1/1/2016. Her hire date for full time employment with Ripley County was 1/14/2013. The handbook states that after the third anniversary an employee would be eligible for 10 vacation days. Ms. McCoy requested that the commissioners allow her 10 days vacation since her anniversary date of hire was within 14 days her resignation effective date of 12/31/2015.

The commissioners agreed that the timing of the resignation for Ms. Hackman was unfortunate they were not granting any exception to the handbook provision.

Auditor Wagner informed the commissioners the downspout on the North side of the annex would be repaired Wednesday, 12/23/2015.

He also advised the commissioners that they needed to appoint a commissioner to the Southeastern Indiana Solid Waste District Board. Commissioner Linville moved to appoint Commissioner Busching with a second from Commissioner Stutler. Motion passed with 2 yes with Commissioner Busching abstaining.

Auditor Wagner provided a renewal contract from Cardinal Pest Control for 2016 in the amount of \$150.00. Commissioner Busching moved to approve the renewal with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Auditor Wagner reported to the commissioners that the credit card had been used to pay for parking for an employee that had attended a conference but no receipt had been provided. The employee had presented a statement that it had been used for paying parking and provided the fund to deduct the payment from but had no receipt. Commissioners stated they would follow the handbook and without a receipt the employee would be responsible for the charge.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2015 meeting with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

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

Commissioners signed the payroll sheets and claim vouchers as well.

With no further business Commissioner Busching moved to recess to 12/28/2015, 9:00am in the annex meeting room to award bids and reorganize the board for 2016. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

### **12/28/2015**

Commissioner Busching moved to reconvene with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

County Surveyor Jeff French discussed the drainage issue filed by Mr. Steve Creigmile against Mr. And Mrs. Ray Catron. His findings were there was an obstruction to the natural course of water drainage placed on the Catron property and a hearing would be necessary. County Attorney Ertel advised he would notify each party of a hearing date.

**BID AWARDS:**

Commissioner Stutler stated he had been asked why Holman Concrete did not bid. He stated the bid received in the past from Holman Concrete did not meet the bid specs in providing the non-collusion affidavit and/or the bid form 95/96.

**Concrete:** Raver Ready Mix and IMI Inc.

Commissioner Busching moved to approve Raver Ready Mix for 4000# at \$97.0 per yard, 3000# at \$92.00 per yard, and 2500#(flowable material) at \$101.00 per yard. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

**Crushed Stone:** New Point Stone and Hanson Aggregate

Commissioner Busching moved to accept all bids and haul from the closest location. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes. With discussion Commissioner Busching moved to rescind the vote with a second from Commissioner Linville and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Busching then moved to accept all bids except SC11 (washed 11) and haul from the closest location. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Pricing:

#9--\$10.40 to 11.80 per ton.

#8--\$10.40 to 11.65 per ton

#53-\$ 7.90 to 9.40 per ton

#53B-\$8.15 to 8.65 per ton

#11-\$11.50 to 12.35 per ton

Reventment rip rap--\$11.20 to 11.90 per ton

**Asphalt:** Hot Mix, Rohe, Globe, O'Mara

Base: FOB

Commissioner Busching moved to approve all bids except Globe and haul from the nearest location. Globe did not meet specs with no Non-collusion form and /or Form 95/96 provided. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Pricing ranged from \$43.00 to 47.50 per ton.

Binder: FOB

Commissioner Busching moved to accept all but Globe (for the same reason as stated above) and haul from the closest location. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Pricing ranged from \$45.00 to 48.00 per ton

#9 Surface: FOB

Commissioner Busching moved to approve all but Globe (for the same stated reason) and haul from the closest location. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Pricing ranged from \$46.00 to 51.00 per ton

#11 Surface: FOB

Commissioner Busching moved to accept all but Globe (for the same stated reason) and haul from the closest location. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Pricing ranged from \$47.00 to 51.00 per ton.

Cold Mix: FOB

Commissioner Busching moved to accept all but Globe (for the same stated reason) and haul from the closest location. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Pricing ranged from \$85.00 to 120.00 per ton.

Asphalt Laid: Globe, O'Mara, Rohe

#9 and #11 Laid:

Commissioner Busching moved to accept the fixed and escalating/de-escalating bids from O'Mara and Rohe. Globe did not meet specs in providing the non-collusion affidavit and the form 95/96. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

Pricing for fixed price #9 and #11 ranged from \$55.00 to 61.50 and \$56.00 to 61.80 per ton respectively.

Pricing for escalating/de-escalating #9 and #11 ranged from \$53.00 to 59.00 and \$54.00 to 59.30 per ton respectively.

Bridges and Culverts: CPI, Civil Con, E & H Bridge

Commissioner Busching moved to accept all bids with a second from Commissioner Linville. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Linville then moved to keep Commissioner Stutler as President of the Board of Commissioners with a second from Commissioner Busching. Motion passed with 3 yes.

Commissioner Busching then moved to keep all employee appointments the same as 2015. Commissioner Linville seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes.

- County Attorney-----Mr. John Ertel
- Maintenance-----Mr. John Lohrum
- Housekeeping-----Mr. Rick Bushhorn and MS Becky Mullins
- Building Inspector-----Mr. Dwight Baughman
- Highway Superintendent-----Mr. Owen Heaton, Jr.
- Highway Secretary-----Ms. Robin Stegemiller
- Highway Mechanic Foreman-Mr. Pat Kissell
- Highway Foreman District 1-Mr. Steve Schonnegg
- Highway Foreman District 2-Mr. Bob DeBurger
- Highway Foreman District 3-Mr. Ray Toops
- Health Nurse-----Ms. Vicki Powell
- Health Registrar-----Ms. Amy Watson
- Technology Coordinator-----Ms. Kelly Vollet
- EMA Director-----Mr. Patrick Rose
- EMS Director-----Mr. Jim Corbin

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