

Ripley County Council Meeting

March 20, 2017

The Ripley County Council met on Monday, March 20, 2017 at the Ripley County Annex in Versailles, Indiana.

Council President Pro Tem Ron Decker opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Council Members Ron Decker, Mark Horstman, Dephane Smith, Chad Pindell, and Ed Armbrecht were in attendance as well as Auditor Bill Wagner and County Attorney John Ertel. Council Members Brenda Wetzler and Bill Warren were absent.

Approval of February 21, 2017 minutes:

Council Member Horstman moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2017 with a second from Council Member Pindell. Motion passed with 4 yes. Council Member Armbrecht abstained and Council Members Wetzler and Warren were absent.

Additional Appropriations			
			Was requested and council cut it out of the budget. This money is given to task unit and fire departments yearly.
EMS	\$100,000.00	7303-43100-000-0216 Riverboat Belterra	For the purchase of two ambulances
Highway	\$300,000.00	1176-43100-000-0027 Machinery & Equipment	To purchase 2 tandems and 1 pickup truck
Council Member Smith moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Horstman. Motion passed with 5 yes.			
	\$68,000.00	4961-49000-000-000 LOIT Unrestricted	To pay for 66 computers approved for purchase for Ripley County offices. The original request was for 85 computers but the State has donated 17, saving the county almost \$30,000. The new computers are in and our supplier would like to be paid as soon as possible.
	\$1,625.00	4303-37800-000-000 Riverboat Belterra	To complete the setup of the domain controller servers that was approved last year. \$4000 was appropriated for this service in 2016 and only \$2375 has been spent.
Council Member Armbrecht moved to approve both requests with a second from Council Member Pindell. Motion passed with 5 yes.			
Veteran's	\$26,100.00	9136-49000-000-000 Tyson Grant	To purchase van
	\$8,880.00	9117-49000-000-000 RCCF Grant Military Assistance Military Service Fund	New van's needs
	\$883.63	9117-37810-000-0000 RCCF Grant Veterans Military Assistance Misc. Services & Charges	Financial Assistance for Veteran's

	\$1,600.00	4100-49000-000-0000 Veteran's Van Donations	To purchase van	
Council Member Horstman moved to approve all requests with a second from Council Member Smith. Motion passed with 5 yes.				
Transfer of funds				
		From	To	
Commissioners	\$1,000.00	1001-36400-000-0018 Liability	1001-32703-000-0018 Vehicle Maintenance	Pay for maintenance on County Vehicle
Council Member Smith moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Horstman. Motion passed with 5 yes.				
EMA	\$0.18	1001-26000-000-016 Communications	8250-32395-000-000 EMPG	The claim was filled out incorrectly and to make up the difference the original claim the \$0.18 should have come from the communications account
Council Member Smith moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Pindell. Motion passed with 5 yes.				
EMS	\$100,000.00	7303-41500-000-0216 Belterra Land Acquisitions	7303-43100-000-0055 Machinery and Equipment	For the purchase of two ambulances
Council Member Pindell moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Armbrecht. Motion passed with 5 yes.				

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

EMA—Patrick Rose

Mr. Rose requested approval from the Council to apply to the Safety Foundation for a grant. Council Member Smith moved to grant approval with a second From Council Member Horstman. Motion passed with 5 yes.

Also he requested permission to apply to Rising Sun Regional Foundation for a grant for law enforcement encrypted radios. Council Member Smith moved to grant approval with a second from Council Member Horstman. Motion passed with 5 yes.

TOURISM—Ms. Katherine Taul

Ms. Taul provided an update for 2016 activities with a pictorial brochure of 2016 events.

HIGHWAY—Superintendent Ray Toops

Mr. Toops provided the Council with a 5 year plan on updating Highway trucks and equipment.

2018—Replace two single axle dump trucks

2019—Replace two single axle dump trucks

2020---Replace the Gradall

2021---Replace snowplows and cinder boxes

2022---Replace 2 single axle dump trucks

Each year two trucks are replace two would be traded in.

The Council thanked him and will review the plan

Mr. Toops then discussed the need for a crack sealer for the roads. He had obtained a quote for a demo unit with 700 hours (\$39,500.00) and a new unit (\$56,500.00 to \$58,964.80). The discussion centered on whether to purchase now or wait for the grant funds from the State Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant. No decision was reached during the meeting.

The State Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant was discussed next. It was decided to use County Highway Funds to add to the LOIT Special Distribution from the State dispersed in 2016 and being held in the LOIT Restricted Account. Auditor Wagner presented the response on the proper way to complete the transfer of matching funds into the Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant Fund to show the county matching funds were available when the State considers the grant requests. County Attorney Ertel will review statutes to see if any additional Ordinances etc would be needed. The total grant to be requested from the State will be \$1,000,000.00 which if approved will give the county a total of \$2,000,000.00 to work with.

OTHER INFORMATION: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Jeff Volz—None

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: Mr. Edward Armbrrecht—None

E911 ADVISORY BOARD: Mr. Mark Horstman —None

SEI REGIONAL PLANNING COMM: Ms. Dephane Smith—None

GRANTS COMMITTEE: Ms. Dephane Smith – None

SOUTHEAST INDIANA RECYCLING: Mr. Bill Warren—Absent

With no further business to attend, Council Member Horstman moved to adjourn with a second from Council Member Pindell. Motion passed with 5 yes.

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Ron Decker, President Pro Tem

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ATTEST:

William Lee Wagner Auditor, Ripley County

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