

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

April 19, 2021

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mark Horstman, President, Chris Schmaltz, Kendall Hankins, Amy Copeland, Auditor & John Ertel, County Attorney.

Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert brought in quotes for the fire protection with Cintas's total quote of \$4,409.14 and Korsen's total quote of \$4,580.00. Commissioner Schmaltz made the recommendation to stay with Cintas.

Mr. Herbert also brought in a quote from Dunlap for AC units to replace 2 in the courthouse. The units are on the bottom floor entrance and the other is on the third floor jury room. The total for each unit is \$3,780.00. The Commissioners told Mr. Herbert to have the two units fixed.

Mr. Herbert also brought in a quote for \$3,500.00 to fix the sewer backup in the courthouse basement men's bathroom.

Mr. Herbert asked Commissioner Horstman about the recycling center taking our old laptops. Commissioner Horstman stated that he would contact Aaron Bell at the recycling center.

Prosecutor – Ric Hertel

Mr. Hertel came in to just give the commissioners an FYI on the 2 murder cases that are going on in Ripley County about the cost. Mr. Hertel is going to go to the county council and try and get an additional appropriation for the murder trials.

Main Street Versailles – Roxanne Meyer

Ms. Meyer was in about the electrical outlets that they want on the county courthouse property. Ms. Meyer is asking the commissioners if they can give any financial support for the electrical outlet project.

Sheriff – Jeff Cumberworth

Mr. Cumberworth had no business.

Assessor – Shawna Bushhorn

Ms. Bushhorn came in with a letter that was put on her county car to move it by Friday by the bicycle shop across the road from the annex. Sheriff Jeff Cumberworth is going to give the guy a call to let him know the vehicles will be moved by Friday evening.

Technology & MDI – Becky Cairns and Ramzi Nuseibeh

Mr. Nuseibeh was in to give an update on the counties technology. Commissioners are wanting Ms. Cairns to send an email out to all county employees about emailing her with the technology concerns they are having.

Highway – Ray Toops

Mr. Harry Mitchell was in about county road 775 East that is a dead end road. The road is 770 feet long. The County Commissioners made the decision to fix county road 775 east.

Mr. Toops brought in a contract for the state for state road 129 North between Delaware and Lookout. This will take place from July 6 – August 2, 2021.

Mr. Toops stated the highway garage turned in the grant to Rising Sun on April 8, 2021 for a mower.

Mr. Toops stated that John Deere is supposed to get the valuation this week of the old grader so it can be sold.

Mr. Toops stated that the 2013 Ford 150 pickup that was in the wreck was a total loss.

Mr. Toops brought up the foreman position that is not filled. Commissioners did have an interview on Friday, April 16, 2021. Mr. Toop's recommendation for the foreman position is Dennis McLaughlin. Mr. Toops is also needing another truck driver for the open truck driver position and the commissioners are wanting to ask one of the other gentlemen that interviewed for the foreman job.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to hire Dennis McLaughlin for the foreman position at the highway garage, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Schmaltz stated that the soil and water was saying we waited to mow to long. That when we mow it just spreads the seed of the weeds and makes them worse.

Health Insurance – Patti Boudrot

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to go with Southern Scripts Preventive Drug List, HSA employee match single \$250.00 and family \$500.00, Switch to Southern Scripts Core Formulary, fund plan to midpoint with employee increase of 1% employee, 2%

Employee/Spouse, 2% Employee/Child, and 3% Employee/Family, with a mandated meeting that needs to be attended that will have a signup sheet, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Friendship Sewer – Pat Thomas

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to appoint Scott Stutler and Gary Stutler to the Friendship Sewer Board, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Friendship Sewer – Bid Winner

Commonwealth Engineers, Inc brought in the recommendation of Mike Holman Excavating, Inc for winning the bid.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve Mike Holman Excavating, Inc to do the Friendship Sewer extension, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

****Discussion**

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to buy new banners for around the annex and the courthouse, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

EMS – Scott Huffman

Mr. Huffman brought in the bid guidelines for the Milan EMS building. Attorney John Ertel stated he would type something up to send to the architect to see if she wanted to add to it. Mr. Huffman wanted to make sure it was ok to go after some grants for some updates to the Versailles EMS building.

Public - Elam Beiler

Mr. Beiler was in about a piece of property that Levi Beiler owns, to run water in the county right of way on 350 west. The commissioners told him to talk to Holton Water.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the April 5, 2021 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the April 16, 2021 commissioner executive session, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve payroll and claims, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

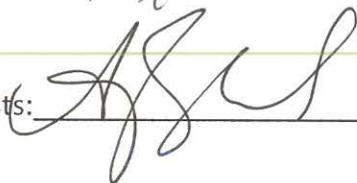
Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to accept the bids for the occupied rehabilitation program, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

 _____ Mark Horstman, President

 _____ Chris Schmaltz

 _____ Kendall Hankins

Assts:  _____ Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor