

# Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

## April 03, 2023

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Roll Call

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

### Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert was in with a quote to replace the hand rail at the jail. The quote is for \$2,787.34 from York and Son. The Commissioners asked for Mr. Herbert to get another quote.

Mr. Herbert stated that he has been in contact with Stanley for the cameras at the jail. The cameras are now analog. They are wanting to switch the cameras to IP. Commissioner Hankins wanted to know if it was capable of doing parts of the jail with IP cameras at one time. The Commissioners told Mr. Herbert to fix the cameras.

### Sheriff – Rob Bradley

Mr. Bradley is wanting to make two sergeants for the Sheriff Department. The Commissioners stated that this is the Council's responsibility.

Commissioner Horstman asked the Sheriff about the Belterra fund and purchasing a new Tahoe. They used the money without mentioning it. Commissioner Horstman asked that they please mention it before they use it next time.

Mr. Bradley stated that the jail purchased a power/steam washer and it is working very well for the cleaning of the jail.

Mr. Bradley stated that some PPE has been delivered and more has been ordered.

### Highway – Jason Edwards

Mr. Edwards stated that the road closure for 46 detour route changed from July 1, 2023 to April 3, 2023.

**Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the new contract for the state road 46 closure. The date of the closure is now April 3, 2023., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Edwards stated that they have not heard anything about the Community Crossing Grant.

Mr. Edwards stated that Salem Road has been fixed and 200 North has been fixed.

Mr. Miller from REMC contacted Mr. Edwards about fiber optic. Mr. Edwards stated to stay 36 inches below the counties ditch.

Mr. Edwards stated they are looking at an ordinance for putting up stop signs.

Mr. Edwards stated that the dump trucks have went up \$50,000.00 per truck from the quotes last year. These are single axle dump trucks.

Mr. Edwards has quoted a new tractor with Zimmerman, but they are holding off until we figure out the new dump truck. If you trade one tractor in, its \$126,000.00 and if you trade 2 tractors in the price would be \$106,000.00. The Commissioners stated that the decision is up to Mr. Edwards.

Mr. Edwards brought up the foreman positions. Commissioner Horstman is wanting the appointments of the foremen to be up to Mr. Edwards and not make them the Commissioners appointments. The tractor will be purchased today.

**Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion for Mr. Edwards to be in charge of hiring and firing of the foremen at the Highway Garage. This will no longer be a Commissioner appointment., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

On June 10<sup>th</sup> the Highway Garage will put a dump truck on display for the children.

#### **Apex – Patti Perry**

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the health insurance funded to midpoint with no change of carriers, employee's contribution, and to change the HSA contribution that the county gives to a match for match for single to \$500.00 & family to \$1000.00, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the dental, vision and standard life insurance with no change., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **911- Leah Hildebrand**

Ms. Hildebrand stated that she had a dispatcher come back from the state police to the county 911. Ms. Hildebrand is asking for him to get his 2 week vacation back due to him not being gone very long at all.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve on a one time basis that he can get 2 week vacation back as a tenured employee., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Horstman asked 911 about toning the fire department for downed trees. Ms. Hildebrand stated this is a safety issue and 911 usually makes the decision on who to call.

Ms. Hildebrand stated the tower project is still going on and things are moving on to get the project done.

Attorney Ertel stated that House Bill 1167, if passed, will have all meeting of Council and Commissioners videoed.

#### **Court Services – Shannon Schmaltz**

Mr. Schmaltz is requesting an extension of time off of long term disability for a Timothy Schnoover until June 1, 2023 due to FMAL running out.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the long term disability, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hankins brought up a website issue. Commissioner Hankins wants the Commissioners addresses removed from the county web site.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the Commissioners addresses to be taken off of the county web site., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

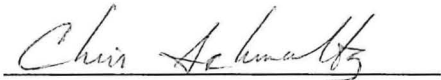
**Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the March 20, 2023 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.


**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the March 27, 2023 administrative meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

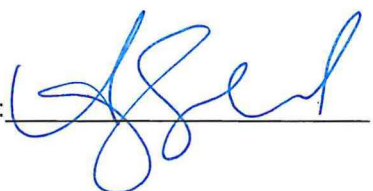
**Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve payroll and claims, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

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

  
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Assts:   
\_\_\_\_\_ Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor