

# Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

## April 04, 2022

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Roll Call

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

### Public Comment

A gentleman was in to ask about a court claim for \$2,500.00. The claim is for Frank Aaron Negangard. He is a member of our pauper counsel.

### Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert stated that GenSet came out and did maintenance on the generators. The EMS generator at Milan has water in the oil. Mr. Herbert is getting quotes to get this fixed.

The water pump is out on the generator in the annex. The quote on a new water pump is \$1,615.78. Commissioners stated to pay this out of Edit building repairs.

**Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve to pay the \$1,615.78 out of Edit, Building Repairs. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Herbert stated he was with the state fire inspector on April 04, 2022 and so far everything has went good.

### Highway – Ray Toops

Mr. Toops stated that he stills does not know if they received the Community Crossing Matching Grant.

Mr. Toops stated they have been interviewing for a new truck driver. He is wanting to hire Neal Wilson. He can start 2 weeks from today. The Commissioners gave their blessing on this.

Mr. Toops stated that 421 is now closed from Osgood to Napoleon. Commissioner Schmaltz stated he had a call about 700 North and Michigan Road being very dangerous.

Mr. Toops stated that Mr. Huntington talked to him about Six Pine Ranch Road. This is on Small Seed Company, LLC property. Attorney, John Ertel, stated to get all of the information to him and he will get a letter written to him.

Mr. Toops stated he met with Holly Wehr and talked about the signs for the bike trail at the Versailles State Park. This is on 25 South. Ms. Wehr talked about where the signs would be placed.

Commissioner Horstman stated that a gentleman by the name of Duane Swingle called and wanted to know when his gravel road would be paved. This is not known at this time.

Commissioner Hankins stated that we can receive up to \$40,000.00 for the 200 South damage. The garage has used \$10,000.00 to \$11,000.00. They are going to pave 200 South with the remainder of the money.

Commissioner Hankins asked if the inventory count was done yet and Mr. Toops stated they would try and have that done by the next meeting.

#### **Sheriff – Kurt Enneking**

Mr. Enneking stated that Finks Road has had a lot of complaints about more traffic. Michigan Road will also be patrolled more than usual due to 421 road closure. They will be patrolling more than average.

#### **EMS – Scott Huffman**

Mr. Huffman brought in a letter from workers compensation about an adjustment of claim filed.

Commissioner Schmaltz asked if Dearborn County was taken care of the problem with EMS coverage. Mr. Huffman stated they have taken care of it.

#### **RFQ Bid Opening**

The two bids are from Performance Services and Veregy.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to take both bids (Performance Services & Veregy) under advisement, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rick Anderson from Veregy spoke on Veregy's behalf.

#### **Public – Bob Steele**

Mr. Steele was in to talk to the Commissioners about building 100 dams from Batesville to Friendship. These would be made out of Ripley County lime stone.

#### **Building Inspector – Dwight Bauman**

Mr. Bauman was in about his work truck being fixed and worked on. Mr. Bauman states the truck is rusting on the fender well. Mechanically the truck is working fine. Commissioner Horstman stated the cosmetics are not trouble for him but to ask for the money for the capital asset at budget time. Mr. Bauman just wanted to bring the matter to the Commissioners attention.

\*The Commissioners discussed an issue in Maintenance/Housekeeping.

#### **Health Insurance – Patti Perry**

Ms. Perry brought in some renewal insurance information. The discussion regarding insurance renewal and options was extremely long.

**Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz approved the proposal #2 GPA/Zurich American, ELAP Plus/Imagine Health, RBR & IOA RE (A) for the 2022-2023 health insurance year, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve March 21, 2022 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve Paula Rasnick and Jared Rogers for the 2022 Citizen's Advisory Committee, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

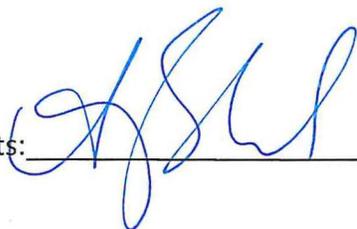
**Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve payroll and claims, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

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

 Mark Horstman, President

 Chris Schmaltz

 Kendall Hankins

Assts:  Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor