

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

April 05, 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 needs to put new locks on the bathrooms and storage door in the courthouse. The cost is \$1,613.00 for all 3 locks. The commissioners told him to get a 2nd quote.

Ms. Becky Cairns also brought in an option about replacing all locks in the courthouse. The cost for that is \$7,020.00. The commissioners told her to get a 2nd quote.

Mr. Herbert brought in a quote from Koorsen fire and security for the fire & security. Koorsen is a 3 year contract. The Commissioners told Mr. Herbert to get a quote from Cintas.

Sheriff – Jeff Cumberworth

Mr. Cumberworth stated they had a walk in freezer go out so they will have a bill coming soon for an emergency call.

Health Department – Dr. Welsh & Lexi Bushhorn

Mr. Welsh was in to give an update on Covid and his Ripley County Mandate.

Ms. Bushhorn asked the commissioners about her and Ms. Franklin's compensation hours.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve Lexi Bushhorn and Lois Franklin to pay out their compensation time from COVID from the vaccine grant, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Highway – Ray Toops

Mr. Toops brought in the updated bridge inspection books from USI.

Commissioner Schmaltz told Mr. Toops that O'Mara stated that they could get grindings from the State Road 129 North job. This will be used for fixing the side of the roads that are shouldered up.

Mr. Toops also stated that he had an employee give his 2 weeks' notice. The Commissioners asked for Ray to do an exit interview.

Mr. Toops stated that John Deere was there on Thursday. John Deere stated that they would be back with them as soon as possible on the grader that has the most hours.

Commissioner Horstman brought up county road 775 East. A gentleman is wanting the road extended beyond his house.

Mr. Toops asked about the foreman position that is still open at the county garage. Mr. Toops has talked to some of the guys at the garage and they are not interested. Commissioner

Schmaltz stated that he had a gentleman ask about the foreman job that is still open and he thought he would apply for it.

SIRPC – Hannah Garnett

Ms. Garnet is here for the 2nd hearing for the Ripley County COVID-19, Phase 2 small business grant program.

Ministerial Association – Karen Clayton

The Ministerial Association would like the courthouse lawn on May 6th for the National Day of Prayer.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion for the Ministerial Association to be able to use the courthouse lawn for the National Day of Prayer indefinitely, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

APEX/Health Insurance – Patti Boudrot

Ms. Boudrot came in to give an update on the county health insurance and the renewal process.

Motion: Commissioner made the motion to accept the Great Midwest/Skyward, ELAP plus, with Imagine Health plan, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

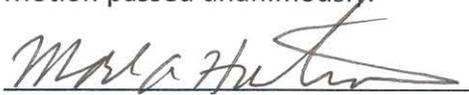
EMS – Scott Huffman

Mr. Huffman came in with information for the update on the building in Milan. Mr. Ertel wants to do some more research on the bid process. Mr. Huffman asked the county commissioners about the health and wellness of our employees with buying a piece of equipment for the employees to work out on.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the minutes from March 22, 2021, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

 Mark Horstman, President

 Chris Schmaltz

 Kendall Hankins

Assts:  Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor