

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

August 21, 2023

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert stated that there was a roof leak in the annex building, and it has been fixed.

Mr. Herbert orders chemicals from Atom Chemicals for the annex and the courthouse.

Mr. Herbert stated that Johannigman Excavating will be calling with a bid for parking on the North side of the courthouse.

Mr. Herbert brought in the GenSet bid for the generator for the 911 towers. The bid is \$7,690.96. J & L Electrics bid was for \$8,360.00. The Commissioners gave the approval for the GenSet bid.

Jeff French – Surveyor

Mr. French came in wanting to know how they wanted to take care of the van that they have that was replaced with a new pickup. The Commissioners told him to put it on the auction.

Commissioners discussed the Next Level Connections Grant. The Commissioners are to decide which addresses are in need to have broadband. Commissioner Horstman is going to call to get the NLC 4 listing from area broadband companies. This information needs to be done by September 15, 2023.

Highway – Jason Edwards

Mr. Edwards stated he talked to Mike in Ohio County about the Mr. Huntington fence incident. Ohio County stated that Mr. Huntington can get ahold of them if he feels he needs too.

Mr. Edwards asked if there was a line of sight ordinance. The Commissioners stated that they are not aware of one.

Mr. Edwards stated that they hired a new secretary and she will start on August 28, 2023.

Mr. Edwards stated that the highway garage office floors started to be replaced today.

Mr. Edwards stated that the truck rodeo at the highway garage will be on Thursday.

Mr. Edwards met with USI about Cave Hill Road. It will be a 9 million dollar bridge.

Commissioner Hankins asked if it would be sufficient if 2 mowers ran together. Mr. Edwards stated he would try it.

Sheriff – Rob Bradley

Mr. Bradley stated that he doesn't really have anything.

Mr. Bradley stated that he is not very happy about how the raises went.

Commissioner Hankins asked the sheriff about parking probation vehicles at the Jail. He stated that the probation could do so.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve an ordinance to raise the transfer fee from \$10.00 a deed to \$10.00 per parcel on deed, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the Town of Versailles replacing the benches and picnic tables on the Courthouse Square, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2023 Commissioner Meeting, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2023 Commissioner Executive Session Meeting, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Becky Cairns – Technology

Ms. Cairns asked the Commissioners about the auction and how to handle the cars.

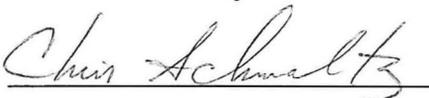
Ms. Cairns brought in a cost analogy for the IT bid. Ms. Cairns stated that she likes both companies. Commissioner Schmaltz stated that the cost savings is quite a bit.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to go with the TTC IT contract for 2024, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

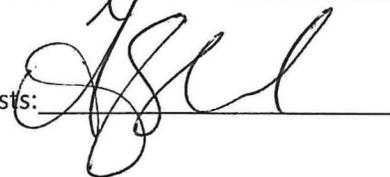
The Commissioners discussed the Courthouse renovation. The Council is going to make a decision on the project this evening.

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