

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

August 22, 2022

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 stated that the valves in the cell unit sinks are going bad. The estimated cost per valve is \$671.00. The Commissioners told Mr. Herbert to fix the 2 that need fixed now and get some prices on fixing the remainder of the sinks.

Commissioner Horstman told Mr. Herbert that the council did approve a new full time maintenance for the year 2023. This position would help Mr. Herbert with his daily duties and clean if the housekeeping employees are out.

EMA – Randy Miller

Mr. Miller was in about getting a generator for the Annex building. The estimated cost a few years ago was \$135,000.00. The Commissioner told Mr. Miller to get prices on a generator.

Mr. Miller stated that the mass notification system CodeRed has caused issues. CodeRed is not doing the job on a timely matter. He is looking into a new notification system for Ripley County.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the August 8, 2022 Commissioner meeting minutes,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the Milan Safe Haven Baby Box contract, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the Versailles Safe Haven Baby Box contract, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

*Auditor Copeland talked to the Commissioners about the idea to increase the credit card limit for the county. The discussion was had with the Commissioners and they approve the increase.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve to increase the credit card limit to \$25,000.00 and for the Auditor, Amy Copeland, to approve the increase, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

*The Commissioners talked about the ARP funding and fire departments in Ripley County. Commissioner Horstman also wanted to let the public know that the new 911 Radio Tower Project will benefit all the fire departments.

Highway – Ray Toops

Mr. Toops brought up an issue with one of the graders. Mr. Toops stated it is probably a hydraulic problem. The estimate on this with labor is \$10,000.00.

Mr. Toops wanted to know if there was any conversation with the council on the EDIT funds for the highway. The Commissioners did state that there was conversation, on this but they did not give the highway any funds from the EDIT fund.

Commissioner Hankins asked about roads that are chip and sealed and roads that are black topped. He wants to know what determines which roads are done. Mr. Toops stated that they are on a cycle for chip and sealing the roads. Commissioner Hankins did state that if you have to change your work schedule to get the chip and sealing done to please do so.

Commissioner Horstman asked Mr. Toops about the intersection of 1050 North and 350 West stop sign. Commissioner Horstman stated he has asked the person with the complaint to come into a public meeting.

Versailles Lions Club – Jack Everage

Mr. Everage asked for the use of the Commissioner room in the annex, bathrooms in both the Courthouse & the Annex and the first floor of the Courthouse for the art show. The Commissioners were all in approval for this.

*Commissioner Hankins stated that the committee for the courthouse renovation met on Thursday August 18, 2022 with Veregy. There is no price set yet for the project but a lot of discussion was had.

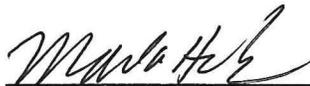
*Commissioners discussed the piece of property across the road from the EMS Milan building for parking. The Commissioners discussed purchasing the lot.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins moved for Scott Huffman, a purchasing agent, in negotiating the purchase price of the lot. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

*The Commissioners also discussed health insurance and an insurance holiday. They asked the county Auditor to get them some more numbers for the next meeting.

*The Commissioners also asked if the sheriff had purchased a new car for the 2022 year. He has not out of the Commissioner's budget.

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



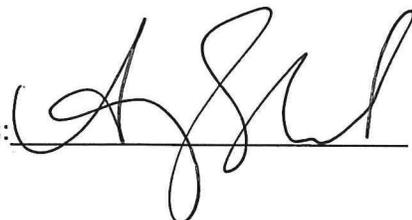
Mark Horstman, President



Chris Schmaltz



Kendall Hankins

Assts: 

Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor