

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

August 7, 2023

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert was in and told the Commissioners that GenSet was sold and that new owner is Set Tech, LLC. GenSet is still going to honor the contract they have with the county.

Mr. Herbert had Dunlap give a quote on a hot water circulator.

Mr. Herbert stated he needs 2 new cameras for the jail with a quote of \$1,375.00.

Mr. Herbert stated that he is working on the new parking spots on the North side of the Annex building.

Recorder – Monica Hansen

Ms. Hansen brought the CSI contract in for the Recorder's Office.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the CSI contract, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes and 1 absent.

General Public - Gene Huntington

Mr. Huntington was in to complain about the Ripley County Highway tearing out his fence on 6441 County Road 900 South, Cross Plains, IN 47017. Mr. Edwards, Highway Superintendent, stated that it was Ohio County that did the damage. Mr. Edwards stated that he had pictures but not with him. The Commissioners stated that they would take it under advisement.

Sheriff – Rob Bradley

Mr. Bradley stated that they have a jail inspection going on right now and would let the Commissioners know how that goes when it is over.

Highway – Jason Edwards

Mr. Edwards stated that 421 and 50 will be closed for 2 weeks for a bridge overlay.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion for the unofficial detour for the road closure of 421 and 50, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes and 1 absent.

Mr. Edwards stated that one of the secretaries gave her 2 week notice.

Mr. Edwards stated that they also got the new bridge truck.

The Commissioners and Mr. Edwards discussed the 2024 budget review that is coming up on August 17, 2023.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the July 24, 2023 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes and 1 absent.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the claims and payroll, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes and 1 absent.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the Local Elected Officials Agreement Indiana Economic Growth Region 9, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes and 1 absent.

IT Bid Openings

There are 2 bids that were given to the county for the IT bid openings they are from Total Tech and MDI.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to table the bids until the next meeting, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes and 1 absent.

Health Insurance – Patti Perry

Ms. Perry was in to talk about yearend recap of the county health insurance. Ms. Perry and the Commissioners talked about the employees right to go where they want to the doctor or hospital.

Park – Christi Volz

Ms. Volz was in and stated that there has been a lot of vandalism at the fairgrounds and are needing some security cameras. They are asking for EDIT money for the security cameras. Ms. Volz stated that the bid is \$9,500.00.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve \$15,500.00 out of EDIT for the Park, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes and 1 absent.

911 – Leah Hildebrand and Lee Kissell

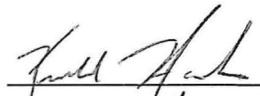
Ms. Hildebrand was in for a generator quote. The GenSet quote for a generator was for \$6,963.95. The other quote from Briggs & Stratton is for \$8,000.00. Mr. Kissell stated he would like to ask some questions before they commit. Ms. Hildebrand would like to have an executive session as soon as possible.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the clock tower being given to Ripley County by the Town of Versailles as a gift, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes and 1 absent.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes and 1 absent.

 _____ Mark Horstman, President

 _____ Chris Schmaltz

 _____ Kendall Hankins

Assts.  _____ Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor