

# Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

## April 28, 2025

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Roll Call**

**Present:** Commissioners Mark Horstman, Roger Gullion, Jeff Volz, John Ertel, Attorney, Danielle McGee, First Deputy. Auditor, Amy Copeland, was absent

### **Maintenance — Craig Herbert**

Mr. Herbert brought an estimate in from Pulskamp's for blinds for the Courthouse for \$34,047.00. This includes installation. The Commissioners would like to table this until the next meeting.

**Motion:** Commissioner Volz made the motion to table the blinds until the next Commissioner meeting, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Sheriff — Rob Bradley**

Sheriff Bradley came in to talk about the issue with the jail roof leaking.

### **Highway — Jason Edwards**

Mr. Edwards stated that the drainage issue in Morris is complete.

Mr. Edwards stated that the chip-n-seal will now start on May 12th. Mr. Edwards stated they will do 140 miles of chip-n-seal.

Mr. Edwards stated that House Bill 1461 did pass the General Assembly. Derek from USI was in to present the possible impacts on the county from HB 1461.

Slater with Vialytics came in to discuss taser ratings of our roadways. He mentioned it would be a one-time annual fee of \$43,193.50. This includes the software in addition to 2 phones.

### **Veregy — Art Noel**

Mr. Noel came in to update the Commissioners on the courthouse renovation.

### **General Public — Beth Duncan**

Ms. Duncan came in to talk about the intersection of Millhousen & Brownstown Road where the new stop sign is. Ms. Duncan mentioned that she has been harassed since the new stop sign was installed last year. Ms. Duncan stated that she made a 911 call on April 4, 2025 as she was woken up by the sound of someone doing a burnout in front of her house and then of what seemed to be someone running a chainsaw on her porch. Ms. Duncan stated that nobody was dispatched to her home nor they ever reached out to her. Ms. Duncan wants to know what is going to be done to fix this issue. Commissioner Horstman told Ms. Duncan that they will look into the issue with the 911 Call Center and not dispatching out to the Sheriff's Department.

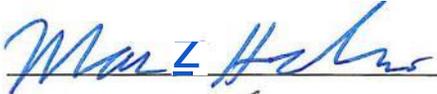
**Motion:** Commissioner Volz made a motion to remove the stop sign located at Millhousen & Brownstown Road and restoring it back to its original layout with the appropriate signage and to put a note in the newspaper for the Napoleon residents to stop harassing Ms. Duncan. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff Bradley came up to speak in response to Ms. Duncan. Chief Deputy, Lee Davidson, spoke about the calls they received from Ms. Duncan and that he had spoken to her last year regarding the issues. Chief Deputy Davidson stated that if Ms. Duncan would like to provide him with her detailed information that they can look at opening an investigation.

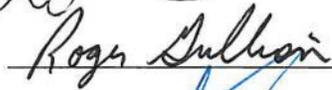
**Motion:** Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the April 14, 2025 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

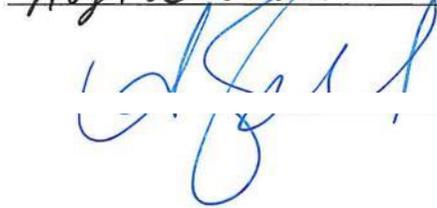
**Motion:** Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve claims and payroll, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Gullion made the motion to adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

 Mark Horstman, President

 Jeff Volz

 Roger Gullion

 Assts:

Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor