

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

May 12, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Mark Horstman, Roger Gullion, Jeff Volz, John Ertel, Attorney, Amy Copeland, Auditor.

Commissioner Horstman stated when the Attorney gets here that he would like to make June small business month. He would like the attorney to draw up a proclamation.

Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Commissioner Volz stated that the landscaping rock for the courthouse is not being made anymore. The Commissioners would like to match the Courthouse and the Annex.

Mr. Herbert got a quote from TK elevator for \$16,530.92 to replace a valve in the elevator.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the quote for \$16,530.92 to replace a valve in the elevator in the Courthouse., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Herbert stated that office shop gave a quote for book shelves for the Superior Court, the quote is for \$5,572.00. The Commissioners stated that they wanted to pass on the quote for now.

The Office shop also sent a book with the colors they could pick out for the signage at the courthouse. The Commissioner's would like to go with white on black.

Mr. Herbert brought in a sample for the window blinds. The Commissioners picked out what they wanted quoted.

Sheriff – Lee Davidson, Chief Deputy

The elevator in the jail needs a new analog phone. This is going to be \$24.00 a month on the phone bill.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the \$24.00 a month on the phone bill., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Davidson stated that the dryer vent got to hot on Friday as the vent needed to be cleaned. He has someone coming to double check it today.

Highway – Jason Edwards

Mr. Edwards stated that the chip and seal has been held off for a day due to the rain.

Health – Tara Briggs

Ms. Briggs is wanting to hang a pamphlet holder in the hall, a locked key box and a holder for paper by the copy machine.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve the hanging of a pamphlet holder, locked key box and a holder for paper by the copy machine, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Briggs brought to the attention the capital asset tracking. She is wanting the Commissioners to look into a new system for the capital asset.

Ms. Briggs came back in at 10am to talk about the assets list of what is the problem.

Mr. Rick Stevens stated that at the Park board meeting there was some language said by a park board member and the Commissioners stated that the complaint needs to be taken up by the Judge as it is his appointment. The Commissioners talked about the board and what can be done with this board.

CCMG Bid Opening

The Highway received bids from Paul Rohe and Dave O'Mara.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve Dave O'Mara contracting for the Community Crossing Matching Grant, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Gullion brought up New Marion Fire House and a building that doesn't belong to them on their property. The Fire House is wanting it moved from their property. The County Attorney, John Ertel, is stating they need to take legal action.

Veregy – Art Noel

Mr. Noel came in to give an update on the Courthouse renovation.

SIEOC – Board Appt

Candice Feller was in to get an appointment for the SIEOC Board.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve Candice Feller to the SIEOC Board, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Assured Partners – Mark Taylor & Kyle Browning

Mr. Taylor wants to ask for a special session to talk about some findings they found when they bid the county Insurance. Assured Partners did pull their bid for the 2025-2026 bid for insurance.

Probation – Shannon Schmaltz

Mr. Schmaltz wanted to make sure that he let the Commissioners he is thankful for the extra help with moving back in the Courthouse.

Mr. Schmaltz wanted to ask if he could have the Recovery Jam on the square on June 6, 2025. The Commissioners stated that if the bathrooms are not complete, they will get portalets for the Recovery Jam.

Mr. Schmaltz gave the Commissioners pictures of the chairs that were destroyed in the Courthouse.

Mr. Schmaltz also gave the Commissioners pictures of chairs that sit in the hall for the public.

Mr. Schmaltz talked to the Commissioners about putting things on the wall.

Prosecutor – Ric Hertel

Mr. Hertel is needing a white board for his conference room. It is a painted white board with a frame around it. The Commissioners told Mr. Hertel he can hang his diplomas up in the private offices and he can paint the white board paint and put a frame around it.

Main Street Versailles – Holly Wehr

Ms. Wehr came in to tell the Commissioners that on Saturday, June 7 – September 20, 2025 they will close Tyson Street to 1st North Street from 8am - 12:15pm.

Ms. Wehr also has the dates for Music on the Square, they are June 14th, July 12th, August 9th, and September 13th, 2025.

Ms. Wehr also stated that the Back to Square 5K Run will be on June 21, 2025 at 8am.

Ms. Wehr is also wanting to use the restrooms to the Courthouse. The Commissioners will have bathrooms available for what she needs whether it will be the annex building or the Courthouse bathrooms.

Area Planning – Tad Brinson & Holly Wehr

Ms. Wehr stated that walking & biking trails have been approved by the Area Planning.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion approved the resolution for adopting the Versailles & Osgood Indiana Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan as an amendment to the Ripley County Indiana Comprehensive Plan, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the April 28, 2025 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the May 2, 2025 executive meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the abatement for John R. Jurgensen Co., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners and the Auditor left the meeting room to go to the Courthouse renovation project.

The Commissioners talked to Probation Director Shannon Schmaltz about his chairs and desk that were destroyed in the construction process. The Commissioners told Mr. Schmaltz they would pay for new chairs. He did not ask for the Commissioners to pay for the desk.

The Commissioners talked to Child Support, Amanda Brunner, about where they keep their confidential files. The room needs a ceiling fan in it to move air, so it doesn't get musty in the room. The Commissioners are going to put up a ceiling fan. The Commissioners also told her it was ok to hang the Indiana child support seal and to hang a bulletin board.

The Commissioners discussed the bathrooms in the basement. The job done in the basement was not done correctly and was done very messy. Veregy and the Commissioners agreed they are going to have to redo the bathrooms in the basement of the Courthouse. Veregy stated they would take care of the matter.

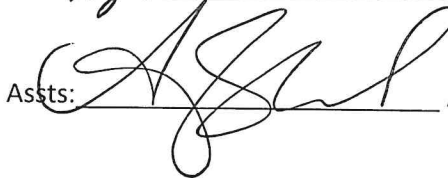
The Commissioners also talked with Total Tech and all cameras that were in the Courthouse when the project started will now be network cameras with Total Tech.

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