

# Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

## May 24, 2024

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Roll Call

**Present:** Mark Horstman, President, Chris Schmaltz, Danielle McGee, First Deputy and John Ertel, Attorney. Amy Copeland, Auditor arrived at 1:10pm. Commissioner Kendall Hankins is absent.

James Coffey appointment to Director of EMA

**Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to appoint James Coffey as the Director of EMA, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes & 1 absent

### Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert stated that the State Fire Marshall wrote county up regarding the wooden desk at the bottom of the stairs in the Annex Building. The State Fire Marshall stated it will have to be moved. Commissioners suggested that we should put it on county auction if we have nowhere for it to go.

### Sheriff – Rob Bradley & Chief Deputy Lee Davidson

Sheriff Bradley brought in Chris Funderburk from Enterprise Fleet Management to give a presentation on maybe going to Enterprise Fleet Management for the Sheriff's vehicles. Mr. Funderburk gave a presentation on the vehicles.

### Highway – Meredith Huntington

Mr. Huntington brought in the 3 quotes for the roof in shop at the garage. The quotes are from Manchester Metals \$23,830.73, Yeti Construction \$27,655.05, & Suding Building \$26,807.64.

**Motion:** Commissioner Horstman made the motion to table the roof in the shop., **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Mark Horstman, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes & 1 absent.

### Veregy – Art Noel

Commissioner Horstman talked about renting a place for the prosecutor.

Mr. Noel brought in some PPE for the courthouse in case anyone needs to go into the building when construction starts. Mr. Noel asked about signage for the courthouse and the annex. Mr. Schmaltz from the probation department will handle the signage for the courthouse and annex.

### Court Services – Shannon Schmaltz

Mr. Schmaltz stated that the Recovery Jam is on June 14, 2024.

Mr. Schmaltz asked if the Commissioners could buy a new fan for the old Sheriff's office and the Commissioner agreed to purchase it.

### Dispatch – Emilee Ratliff

Ms. Ratliff was in to tell the Commissioners that Rosie Gaynor has resigned. There were some employees from dispatch that would like to set up an executive session.

### Park – Rick Stevens

The Commissioners and County Attorney told the park board they do not need to have an executive meeting before every meeting. The only executive session that should happen is with personnel issues and discipline.

**Attorney, Doug Amberger**

Mr. Amberger was in about vacating an alley between Messerle and Weisenbach.

**Motion:** Commissioner Horstman made a motion contingent on Batesville giving a letter for approval of vacating an alley, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Horstman, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes and 1 absent.

**Versailles Fire Department - Ben Sieverding**

Mr. Sieverding was in asking questions on the courthouse renovation. We gave him Art Noel's cell number to call and ask the questions.

Mr. Sieverding also wanted to talk about House Bill 1402, EMS Survey.

**Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the May 10, 2024 Commissioner Minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes and 1 absent.

**Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve Mary Lou Schwipps for the appointment of the Osgood Public Library, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes and 1 absent.

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

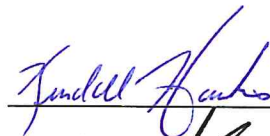
**Area Planning – Tad Brinson**


The Commissioner gave Mr. Brinson until December 31, 2024 to use his comp time off due to being short an employee.

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

 \_\_\_\_\_ Mark Horstman, President

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Assts:  \_\_\_\_\_ Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor