

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

April 12, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mark Horstman, President, Chris Schmaltz, Kendall Hankins, Amy Copeland, Auditor and John Ertel, Attorney.

Area Planning — Dwight Bauman

Mr. Bauman wanted to let the Commissioners know that May 10, 2024 he will be retiring.

Maintenance — Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert stated that 911 called and they have a small leak from a crack. Mr. Herbert stated that he would get it fixed.

Mr. Herbert stated that there is still a roof leak in Area Planning department. He is also working on that leak. Mr. Herbert brought in a quote from Cintas for a proposal to engineer, furnish, test and add elevator recall to the existing Firelite fire alarm system pane. The cost of this is \$8,240.00. The Commissioners stated to do the update to the fire alarm system.

The Commissioners talked about the renting of Jeff French's building.

Highway — Mert Huntington

Mr. Huntington was in that bridge #13 on 550 South is open.

Mr. Huntington stated that the highway will conduct CPR Training on April 29, 2024.

Mr. Huntington stated that the highway was awarded the CCMG for the amount of \$847,875.00.

Mr. Huntington stated they have chip and seal material on 800 South on the Back property.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the March 28, 2024 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the April 4, 2024 executive session meeting, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Veregy — Art Noel & Rick Anderson

The Commissioners talked to Jeff French about the rental of the building.

Veregy gave an update on the Courthouse renovation.

Veregy also gave an update on a jail renovation for the roof, HVAC, lights, solar & gas range replacement. The cost of this project would be \$1,521,818.00. This cost is preliminary.

Enterprise Fleet Management also came in to give the Commissioners some information on leasing vehicles for government agencies.

Total Tech — Matt Cunningham

Mr. Cunningham talked to the Commissioners about the house rental and the security and internet he would install. The quote is for \$10,155.80.

To move the recording system for the courts temporarily is \$2,172.60 for Circuit Court and \$3,291.00 for Superior Court.

The Commissioners are wanting Veregy to take care of some of the technology cost of the rental of the Jeff French house.

Area Planning — Tad Brinson

Mr. Brinson brought in the Solar ordinance to be signed. This ordinance has already been approved. The Solar ordinance is 2024-04.

Mr. Brinson also brought in an ordinance for the political signs.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the political sign ordinance to mimic the state of Indiana., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Health Insurance — Patti Perry

Ms. Perry brought in a renewal for all Health Insurances.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve renewal with Imagine360, Zurich American /IOA Re, ELAP Plus, and Imagine Hlth RBR for our medical insurance with the employee paying 15% premium, employee/spouse paying 17% premium, employee/children paying 15% premium and family paying 16% premium, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the renewal with Delta Dental for our dental insurance, with the employee paying 15% of the premium, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve renewal with Delta Vision with the employee paying 100% of the premium, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins tabled the Basic Life Insurance until Apex can come back with some numbers that the Commissioners asked for, **Action:** Tabled, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve renewal with Standard for the voluntary Life & voluntary AD&D **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve renewal with Standard for the voluntary short term disability, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve renewal with Standard for the voluntary long term disability, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve Standard with the voluntary accident insurance, benefit, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve Standard with the voluntary critical illness benefit, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve Standard with the voluntary hospital indemnity benefit, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Health Department — Elisha Forwalt

Motion: Commissioner made the motion to approve the new septic ordinance for the board of health, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

EMS — Scott Huffman

Mr. Huffman brought in a quarterly update on the EMS Department.

No action taken for the executive session that was held.

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




Mark Horstman, President

Chris Schmaltz



Kendall Hankins

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Amy R. Copeland-Ripley County Auditor