

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

April 14, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Maintenance — Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert brought in a quote from Cintas for Fire Sprinkler System for labor and materials to replace the damaged storz fire department connection and retest connection after repairs for the amount of \$3,922.19.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to accept the quote from Cintas to fix the Fire Sprinkler System in the jail. They are going to pay for it out of the Jail maintenance LIT, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Herbert brought in a quote from Mid-America Industrial for the installation of 316 stainless steel sheeting in the jail showers. The quote is for \$6,162.14.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the quote for Mid-America Industrial for the stainless steel sheeting in the jail showers. The amount is for \$6,162.14 and going to pay for it out of the jail maintenance LIT, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Herbert brought in a quote for the annex lights to be done, it is going to be an estimate of \$10,000.00.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to put the new lights in the Auditor, Assessor, Treasurer and Recorder offices, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners talked about the clock tower on the courthouse.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the quote from Kramer for the amount of \$640,000.00. The Commissioners will be doing an appropriation for \$700,000.00, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff — Lee Davidson, Chief Deputy

Mr. Davidson brought a quote in to replace the elevator phone. The quote is for \$1,686.00.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the quote of \$1,686.00 for a new phone for the jail elevator. This is to be paid out of the jail maintenance LIT, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Davidson brought in 2 quotes for the new jail video and control system.

Securitas (formally Stanley) quote to upgrade everything with non-proprietary equipment is for \$358,882.00.

Securitas (formally Stanley) quote to upgrade everything but with access control is for \$344,882.00.

Security Automation Systems quote to upgrade everything with non-proprietary equipment is for \$356,000.00.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve Security Automation System for the quote of \$356,000.00. The Commissioners want an appropriation for \$375,000.00 and for it to come out of the jail

maintenance LIT, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Davidson stated that he didn't think that the jail needed a new dishwasher. He had it worked on and thinks it could get a couple more years.

Mr. Davidson brought in a quote for the range in the jail for \$5,531.22 from Central Restaurant Products. This is for the installation and removal of the old stove.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the new range for the \$5,531.22 from Central Restaurant Products, this will be taken out of the jail maintenance LIT, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Davidson would like to put up some professional cabinets for the security employees in the courthouse.

Highway — Jason Edwards

Mr. Edwards stated that he talked to Napoleon Rock Quarry. He stated that they are willing to work with the county on the road.

Mr. Edwards is getting everything ready for the CCMG. They are hoping to start in June.

Mr. Edwards is ok with widening 600 South and Michigan Road as long as when they go out, they turn North due to the stone bridge.

USI — Derek Towle

Talked about House bill 1461. He stated that USI will be working with Ripley County on all the new changes.

Veregy — Art Noel

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

Surveyor — Jeff French

Mr. French and Wes Gibson brought in the issue with 1300 North. Mr. Gibson is wanting to be build a barn with a septic in it so it has to be split to do it. To do a survey they have to have a county road right away. Jason Edwards stated they do not get paid for that road and that the county does not maintain the road.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to say that the South Part off of 1300 North is not a road maintained by the county., **Action:** Approved, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. French is in with the lease on the green house. He stated that the house is suppose to in the same shape or better shape as it was moved into. Mr. Herbert stated they are going to do a walk through to see what needs corrected in the house.

Mr. French stated that he had an employee quit on Friday.

Lifetime — Erin Thomas

Ms. Thomas is in to talk about Catch a Ride. The Commissioners have to give their approval and to designate Lifetime to run the program.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion for Lifetime Resources to be the designated to run Catch a Ride, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

General Public — Reuben Stoltzfoos

Mr. Stoltzfoos was in to see if the 600 South and Michigan Road could be widened due to his business Country Side Metal Roofing. The Commissioners stated that they can make the 600 South wider but there will be no left hand turns out of that road due to the bridge to 421.

EMA — James Coffey

Mr. Coffey stated that Ripley county had 2 tornados on March 30, 2025. Ripley County also had some flooding but no homes were flooded.

911— Will Sunderman

Mr. Sunderman gave an update on the 911 renovation. It is 90% done.

Mr. Sunderman is talking about the phone system and wants to put SIP trunks in. Mr. Sunderman is stating \$40.00 a month extra.

Mr. Sunderman stated that Joe Mann and the Community Corrections helped a lot with the 911 renovation.

C.A.R.E. — Geneen Ostendorf

Ms. Ostendorf was in with the information that she found out about an animal control officer. She stated that the Sheriff would deputize a special deputy for this and any volunteers that are qualified. She also stated that the Health Department was also very concerned.

The Sheriff stated that an animal control officer is someone that can write citations.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve the March 31, 2025 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve the March 31, 2025 executive meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve the April 10, 2025 special meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Prosecutor — Ric Hertel

Mr. Hertel stated that he had furniture that he may want to get rid of when he moves back into the courthouse. Mr. Hertel stated he would come back in when he gets completely moved back in and what he doesn't want.

The Commissioners discussed work from home and time worked. They want to do more research before they change anything.

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



Mark Horstman, President



Jeff Volz



Roger Gullion

Assts:



Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor