Ripley County Commissioners Meeting August 16, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mark Horstman, Chris Schmaltz, Danielle McGee, First Deputy, John Ertel, Attorney, Commissioner Kendall Hankins and Amy Copeland, Auditor were absent.

Maintenance — Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert stated there is an intercom issue in the jail. The push buttons are not working. Mr. Herbert brought a quote in from Securitas Technology to fix the intercom issues for \$1,694.93.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to have Securitas Technology fix the intercom issue at the jail; **Action:** Approve **Moved by:** Chris Schmaltz, **Second by:** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2, 1 absent

Commissioner Horstman wants all the cherry trees removed and replaced, as they are dying.

Mr. Herbert mentioned that he has relieved the current mowing company of their duties. Mr. Herbert mentioned he spoke to Todd Keen regarding his company mowing. The price would be \$180/week and this includes treating the yard, edging and weed eating. The commissioners are okay with Todd Keen's mowing company to finish mowing this year.

Sheriff— Rob Bradley

Sheriff Bradley came in to have 2 car titles signed by the Commissioners, as they have sold one to South Ripley School Corporation and the other to Fleet Leasing Company.

Motion: Commissioner Horstman made motion to sell the 2 Sheriff vehicles; **Action:** Approve **Moved by:** Mark Horstman, **Second by:** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2, 1 absent

Christopher Mitchell

Mr. Mitchell was in for a public hearing regarding a petition to vacate a portion of county road 350 S. Mr. Mitchell will email the ordinance for the Commissioners to sign.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion on the closure of county road 350 S as presented; **Action:** Approve **Moved by:** Chris Schmaltz, **Second by:** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2, 1 absent

Highway — Jason Edwards

Mr. Edwards stated that O'Mara is done paving up North. Mr. Edwards stated that he ordered a bobcat on August, 15th

Veregy — Art Noel

Mr. Noel was in to present an update on the Courthouse project.

Veregy — Rick Anderson

Mr. Anderson was in to present the Ripley County Jail Energy Savings Project

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the August 2, 2024 Executive meeting minutes, Action: Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes 1 absent.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the August 2, 2024 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes 1 absent.

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

John Bunselmeier

Mr. Bunselmeier was in requesting the Commissioners sign a public access records request.

Commissioner Horstman stated they have interviews next Wednesday, August 21st for the Director of 911.

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

_Mark Horstman, President

_Chris Schmaltz

Kendall Hankins

Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor