

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

August 18, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

911 – Will Sunderman

Mr. Sunderman is asking for an additional 4 days of Bereavement.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve an additional 4 days bereavement for his employee that took a call for a relative that was a fatality., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed 2 yes & 1 absent.

Mr. Sunderman brought in a UPS for the 911 power supply.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve the contract for the UPS system critical equipment maintenance, the annual cost is \$1,036.00., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed 2 yes & 1 absent.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to hire Kyla Dell for the 911 Director, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert stated that the Mid America Industrial was stated wrong at the last meeting it is not \$12,000.00 it is \$1,200.00.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve the \$1,200.00 quote to fix the railings in the courthouse., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed 2 yes & 1 absent.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve the chair quote for \$912.00 for the courthouse., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve Dunlap quote for hipa filters for \$1,098.40, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed 2 yes & 1 absent.

Jail Maintenance – Mike Goddard

Mr. Goddard brought in some information for a new drop down ceiling in the booking room and new flooring for the amount \$2,964.32.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve the drop down ceiling and flooring for the booking room in the Jail for the amount of \$2,964.32, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Goddard also brought in a quote to fix the sidewalk.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve the quote of \$850.00 to fix a sidewalk, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners spoke with Doug Rump and he introduced himself to the Commissioners.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to appoint Doug Rump to the Area Planning and BZA board, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

General Public – Lori Samples & Holly Wehr

Ms. Lori Samples was in to talk to the Commissioners about the Area Planning and BZA board. Ms. Samples is stating that Area Planning & BZA Board is stating that they enforce the rules. They have to enforce the codes. The county does not enforce the towns ordinances per Attorney John Ertel. Ms. Holly Wehr is asking for the zoning code that states that the town is responsible for zoning code. Ms. Wehr is stating that the County Area Planning is providing permits that need a State permit. Attorney John Ertel gave some examples of how things should be handled on different situations.

Highway – Jason Edwards

Mr. Edwards stated that he got another survey quote for bridge 9.

Mr. Edwards stated they got with the vocational school to help with the dump trucks maintenance.

Mr. Edwards also stated that they are going to use a 90S instead of a RS2 on Michigan Road.

Commissioner Gullion stated that at the last meeting they talked about some roads that didn't get chip and sealed.

Commissioner Gullion asked for all the roads that didn't get chip and sealed.

Veregy – Art Noel

Mr. Noel was in to talk about the Courthouse and Jail renovation. Mr. Noel brought in a quote for new metal roof coping and new chimney cap for \$64,034.00. The Commissioners have asked for a more detail quote.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve for \$64,034.00 for a new metal roof coping and a new chimney cap contingent on a revised scope of work from Mr. Noel, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed 2 yes & 1 absent.

Health Insurance – Patti Perry

Ms. Perry came in to give a review on the Health Insurance.

Motion: Commissioners Gullion made the motion to approve Ms. Perry to get a wrap plan document and a section 125 for our health insurance the cost of both of these is \$850.00, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed 2 yes & 1 absent.

Ripley CARE – Geneen Ostendorf

Ms. Ostendorf is in to talk to the Commissioners about a Ripley County Animal Control Officer. Ms. Ostendorf stated that Peg Ehlers called her about setting on a committee to see what all is needed to be able to hire an Animal Control Officer.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve the August 4, 2025 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed 2 yes & 1 absent.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve that claims and payroll, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed 2 yes & 1 absent.

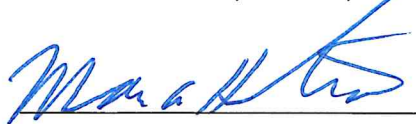
Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to make a moratorium on a battery commercial storage system for Ripley County, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed 2 yes & 1 absent.

Veterans – Ken Hylton

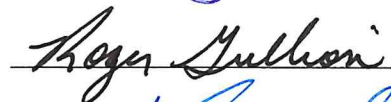
Mr. Hylton was in to talk to the Commissioner about the Veterans Office. The Commissioners stated that that Fette's Auto Body Inc quote for the van to buffed and cleaned is a great price.

Mr. Hylton talked about the landscaping around the memorial on the Courthouse lawn.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to adjourn., **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed 2 yes & 1 absent.

 Mark Horstman, President

 Jeff Volz

 Roger Gullion

Assts:  Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor