

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

August 29, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert brought in a proposal from Green Sign for the smaller signs with added bathroom signs for the interior entrance. The total cost is \$3,586.00.

The Commissioners discussed a table for the mail room in the Courthouse. Whomever wants to pick out a table, the Commissioners will pay up to \$150.00.

The Commissioners are talking about the maintenance truck for Mr. Herbert to have a take home truck.

Commissioner Gullion stated that we have already really committed to the Coroner.

Commissioner Volz brought up the Maintenance position at the Jail. The new maintenance jail position will handle everything with the Sheriff with maintenance.

Highway – Jason Edwards

Mr. Edwards stated that Michigan Road is done. There are 40 miles of chip and seal left to do in the county.

Mr. Edwards stated that the road across from Olean road is a shared driveway as what it states in the deed.

Commissioner Horstman wanted in public record that chip and seal saves money for this county. It is an inconvenience, but it saves the county a ton of money and keeps our roads maintained without a wheel tax.

Commissioner Volz wants to talk about the building inspector being able to drive the truck home. The Commissioners are ok with him driving the truck home.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve the August 18, 2025 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve BISDigital ADA Device quote for \$2,043.00, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners discussed the quarries of Ripley County did not supply the Highway garage with stone that they needed. The Attorney is going to send a letter.

Commissioner Horstman wanted the public to know that the Commissioners have come across an offer to purchase some ground.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion moved that Commissioner Horstman be authorized to approach a property owner with an Offer to Sell Real Property / Contingent Offer to Purchase Real Property, contingent upon satisfying statutory criteria, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Gullion is asking about giving a property owner a 911 address for a property that they do not live on. Attorney Ertel is going to look at the ordinance to amend it.

Veregy – Art Noel

Mr. Noel came in to give an update on the Courthouse and Jail.

The Commissioners want an additional \$100,000.00 out of LIT Correctional facility for the renovation project.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve the change order for the new metal roof coping and new chimney cap, **Action:** Approved, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve the Certificate of substantial completion for the Jail HVAC project and the Jail lighting project, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve the transmittal/submittal for the silver metal flashing, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the fabrication of tower clock & bell ringing equipment, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

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



Mark Horstman, President



Jeff Volz



Roger Gullion



Assts: Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor