

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

August 30, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Maintenance — Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert brought in a contract from Keen Turf Management for \$180 per week to do the lawn care.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to accept the bid from Keen Turf Management at \$180 per week,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed 3 yes.

Mr. Herbert brought a quote in from Dunlap for \$795 to install 2 replacement belts for the energy recovery wheel on the Annex air handler. The Commissioners are ok with going with Dunlap.

Mr. Herbert brought 2 quotes in from Kunz Stump Grinding. One was for the stump removal only for \$700 and the other one was for the stump removal plus cleanup for \$1,000. They will not fill the hole. Mr. Herbert also brought a quote in from Hyde Tree Works for \$2,160 that covers the stump and debris removal and a quote from Arbor Management Associates for \$4,350 for stump removal. The quote covers the stump removal and the finish work.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to accept the bid from Kunz Stump Grinding for \$1,000 for the 12 stumps removed plus the cleanup, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed 3 yes.

The Commissioners asked Mr. Herbert to get quotes to remove the 3 Ash trees that are dying.

Mr. Herbert discussed the Courthouse work order for the time and material for TKL to hook up the fire panel for the elevator. The cost would be \$313.87 per hour, \$533.58 per hour for overtime to hook up the fire panel for the elevator.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to cover the labor and material cost to hook up the fire panel for the elevator, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 3 yes.

Commissioner Horstman stated that they conducted interviews for the open Director of 911 position. They offered Will Sunderman the position and he has accepted. His start date, in the new position, will be September 8, 2024.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to hire Will Sunderman as the new Director of 911 position, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 3 yes.

Commissioner Hankins asked Leah Hildebrand for a proclamation for Judy Schebler for the towers.

The Commissioners discussed the option of employee(s) cashing in or donating vacation/comp. time to another employee in certain extenuating circumstances. Further discussion will be needed.

Highway — Mert Huntington

Mr. Huntington stated they are going to fog seal 200 N east of State Road 101 and then from State Road 101 to County Line Road. Mr. Huntington stated that they have the forms poured for the bridge on 900 S.

Veregy – Art Noel

Mr. Noel was in to provide an update on the courthouse project. Mr. Noel brought in paint color samples for the inside of the Courthouse for the department heads to vote on.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to paint the interior part of the courthouse, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed 3 yes.

Veregy – Rick Anderson

Mr. Anderson was in to discuss the jail roof renovation as part the Ripley County Jail Energy Savings Project. Mr. Anderson will update contract to a 30-year roof versus a 25 year.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to change the roof renovation contract from 25 years to 30 years, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 3 yes.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the August 16, 2024 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed 3 yes.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the August 21, 2024 Executive meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed 3 yes.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the claims and payroll, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed 3 yes.

Rick Stevens - Mr. Stevens was in to ask if the Park Board has set rates to rent certain buildings. Commissioner Horstman told Mr. Stevens that he will work with the park to get the issues resolved as far as contracts.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 3 yes.


Mark Horstman, President



Chris Schmaltz



Kendall Hankins


Assts: _____ Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor