

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

August 4, 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 quote from Mid American Industrial for 2 railings, one on the main entrance railing and one on the west side of the stairs due to no sprinkler head under the stairs. The price is \$12,000.00. The Commissioners would like to table this to see if there are any other options they could take.

Mr. Herbert stated that the blinds would be in and installed on Thursday.

Mr. Herbert brought in some examples of the exterior signs for the Courthouse. The quote is for \$4,624.00, \$1,800.00 is labor. The Commissioners would like to see a quote for just the signs, no post and no labor.

Mr. Herbert brought in the warranty for the Kubota UTV. Zimmerman has a 2 year warranty with a price of \$27,732.00 and Stone's has a 2 year warranty with a price of \$27,490.00.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the quote from Stones for the Kubota UTV, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Maintenance truck will stay with the county, but will be transferred to a different department. It will be the Coroner most likely.

Mr. Herbert stated that the Courthouse floor did get polished and new chairs got ordered for the Courthouse hallway. The Commissioners will have an open house from 10am to 12pm for the Courthouse renovation to be seen on August 16, 2025.

Jail Maintenance – Micheal Goddard & Sheriff Rob Bradley

Mr. Goddard came in to introduce himself to the Commissioners. He stated everything is going good in the Jail right now and Mr. Herbert has been helping him when he needs it.

Highway – Tim Sides

Commissioner Horstman stated there is a sign on Spades Road and 1300 by the church. The sign needs to be moved towards the North.

Mr. Sides stated that the chip and seal is almost done in the South.

Commissioner Gullion stated that there are some culverts that have settled and need fixed if they can be.

Mr. Sides talked about some roads that will not be chip and sealed.

The Commissioners and Mr. Sides talked about the road inventory on some certain road in the county.

Veregy – Art Noel

Mr. Noel gave an update on the Courthouse and the Jail.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the AIA Substantial Completion Form, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer – Lisa Vestal

Ms. Vestal was in to tell the Commissioners that the main checking account with the county was subject to fraud. The checking account is in restricted status.

Coroner – Jason Smith

Mr. Smith stated that the cap for the truck is \$7,500.00, estimated, the installation of the cot is \$3,500.00, estimated, and it would have to have emergency lights and radios. The estimated cost for all of this is \$15,000.00.

Health Department – Jason Smith

Mr. Smith was in about the Health Officer position. Mr. Smith did try to put the job on indeed but did not want to put his own credit card in the system. The Auditor stated she did not like the idea of having the county credit card in there either. The Commissioners told Mr. Smith to advertise on the Health Department social media account.

The Commissioners talked about interviewing for the 911 Director. They are going to do this on August 7, 2025 at 6:00pm.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the July 21, 2025 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. 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 Gullion made the motion recess to go to the Jail, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion reconvene at the Jail, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners talked about the color of the metal that will be on the Jail. They have asked Mr. Noel to supply them with samples. They did take a tour of the roof of the jail since the work has started on it.

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

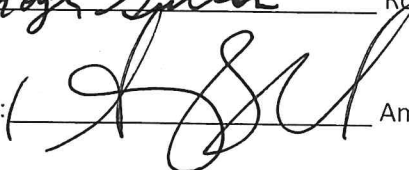
Mark Horstman, President



Jeff Volz



Roger Gullion

Assts:  _____
Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor