

# Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

## December 20, 2024

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Roll Call

**Present:** Commissioners Mark Horstman, Chris Schmaltz, Kendall Hankins, John Ertel, Attorney, Amy Copeland, Auditor.

### Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert brought in the service agreement for Dunlap for the annex and courthouse. For a 1-year contract, it is \$9,816.00 and for 2 years it is \$18,876.00. The service agreement for the jail is for 2 years for \$14,016.00.

**Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to do a 2-year agreement for the jail, annex and courthouse with Dunlap, **Action:** Approved, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

### Sheriff – Rob Bradley

The Sheriff talked to the Commissioners about a jail re-entry case manager for the jail. One Voice and Jrack will be paying for an employee to run the program. The jail is needing a camera for the new room that the case manager will be in.

Commissioner Hankins stated to look into paying the utilities out of the correctional facilities public safety fund and paying other operational bills.

The Sheriff talked about Fleet Enterprises.

### Highway – Jason Edwards

Mr. Edwards got some cinders for the highway garage.

Mr. Edwards stated that the ceiling is almost done in the garage.

The Commissioners talked to Mr. Edwards about berms on the side of the road.

The Commissioners talked about the one bid for the highway garage that wasn't approved yet. Laughery Valley was here with fuel prices. The prices from the last meeting have gone up 4 cents all around.

### Veregy – Art Noel

Mr. Noel came in and gave the Commissioners an update on the courthouse renovation.

The Jail project will begin first of the year.

### Surveyor – Jeff French

Mr. French is in to ask the Commissioners to sponsor some new plat books for Ripley County. Mr. French stated that they use the plat books a lot for different things. The sponsor amount is \$1,100.00.

**Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the sponsorship for \$1,150.00 for the plat books, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Attorney, John Ertel, donated \$50 for the historical map to be put in the back of the book.

### 911 – Will Sunderman

Mr. Sunderman brought in a report for the year of 2024 for the 911 office.

### EMA – James Coffey

Mr. Coffey brought in a strategic planning.

Mr. Coffey also brought in a report for the year of 2024 for the EMA office.

**Encore – Brad Samples**

Mr. Samples brought in the renewal for our Commercial Auto, liability and workers comp insurance.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the commercial auto, liability and workers comp insurance,

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

**Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the subrecipient agreement for Hoosier Hills, **Action:**

Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the December 6, 2024 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve,

**Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the claims and payroll, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris

Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.


**Technology – Becky Cairns**

Ms. Cairns brought up a phone system that the Commissioners don't need to use their cell phone. It will be on an app on your cell phone to get messages. The Commissioners are going to discuss at the first Commissioner meeting of the year.

Commissioner Horstman made the comment about how it was a pleasure to work with Chris and Kendall the last 4 years.

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

 \_\_\_\_\_ Mark Horstman, President

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Assts:  \_\_\_\_\_ Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor