

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

December 8, 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 to the Commissioners' attention that the workers have found rotted wood in the clocktower that will be an extra cost to the county.

Mr. Herbert also gave an update on the Jail and Courthouse renovation. Mr. Art Noel could not be here today. The solar was done on the jail this week and completed.

Commissioner Gullion asked Mr. Herbert about looking at the carpet in the second floor courtroom. Mr. Herbert stated he will get it taken care of.

Commissioner Gullion stated the Christmas decorations in the storage room that aren't used by the 22nd of December needs to leave the storage room.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve the final paperwork for the solar on the jail,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff – Chief Deputy Davidson

Mr. Davidson stated that the renovations that the maintenance guy has been doing in the jail is about 90% complete.

Mr. Davidson also stated that they will be receiving AEDs for every county Sheriff vehicle. This is through a grant from Ripley County Community Foundation.

Highway – Jason Edwards

The Highway department did receive the Community Crossing Matching Grant for 2026. The amount is for \$974,285.60 and the county portion is \$243,571.00.

Park – Christi Volz

Ms. Volz stated that a group that does truck shows is wanting to put a burn out pad in the grand stand event area. This burn out pad will be 10ft by 15ft and will be concrete. The Commissioners stated they are ok with it as long as the board is ok with it.

The Commissioners told Ms. Volz that she could use the \$31,000.00 in Edit for a matching of a grant if need be. The Commissioners talked about the property that is being bought by the Commissioners. It is in the process of being completed.

The Commissioners talked about the skid steer for 4-H fair to use. The Commissioners stated something needs to be in the contract about the county getting something for the use of the skid steer.

Health – Tara Briggs

Ms. Briggs was in to talk about a pool and tattoo/body piercing ordinance. The Commissioners gave there blessing to Ms. Briggs to start working on the ordinance.

Ms. Briggs stated that the stump grinding company came back with the price of \$1,500.00.

Extension – David Osborne

Mr. Osborne stated that the 4-H group wants to get along with the Park board.

Area Planning – Tad Brinson

Mr. Brinson was in with an Area Planning zoning code.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the ordinance to amend section 80.24 (F) (40.5) if the Area Zoning Code of Ripley County Indiana, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners discussed the 16' Alley West of SR 129 & Olean Road.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve the letter being sent to the 4 landowners adjoining the 16' Alley West of SR 129 & Olean Road., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

Ripley Care – Genevieve Ostendorf

Ms. Ostendorf gave an update on Ripley Care. Ms. Ostendorf also gave comments to the Commissioners about nothing being done about the animal control in Ripley County.

Highway – Bid Opening

Fuel Bid: Laughery Valley Ag & Premier Energy

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to table the fuel bid and contingent on the bid bond, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

Asphalt: Paul H Rohe Co, Inc, Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc, & Hot Mix, Inc

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve Dave O'Mara on the laid asphalt bid, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve all the bids for FOB, 11, and 9s in asphalt, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Oil: Marathon Petroleum Company & Asphalt Materials Inc

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve all the Oil bids, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

Stone: US Aggregates, Heidelberg Materials Midwest Agg, Inc & New Point Stone Co, Inc Greensburg and Napoleon

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve all the Stone bids, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bridge & Culverts: Civilcon, EH Bridge & Grating, Inc & E3 Bridge

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve all the Bridge and Culvert bids, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve Mark Horstman as the Commissioner to sit on the Southeastern Indiana Recycling/Solid Waste District, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve the November 24, 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 Gullion made the motion to adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **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