

# Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

## February 14, 2025

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Roll Call

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

### Health Department – Jason Smith

Mr. Smith stated the Health Board met in an executive session. The Commissioners discussed the Health officer and the Administrator of the Health Department. The Commissioners asked that a Health Board member be in all interviews. The Commissioners will then approve the Health Department Administrator position after the Health Officer does the interviews and the Health Board approves the candidate.

### EMS – Jason Smith

Mr. Smith stated that the 2018 ambulance that was wrecked is a total loss. The insurance is going to pay out \$250,000.00. The salvage company states it is worth \$23,400.00. The Commissioners stated let's keep the ambulance and accept the insurance money for the vehicle.

**Motion:** Commissioner Gullion made the motion to accept the EMC offer for the 2018 ambulance that was wrecked in the amount of \$250,000.00 and for the county to keep the salvage vehicle., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

### Maintenance – Craig Herbert

The Commissioners discussed the flooring in the courthouse.

**Motion:** Commissioner Volz made the motion to accept Dunlap's bid of \$92,315.30 for new flooring all through the courthouse., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Herbert asked the Commissioners about the exterior/interior doors of the courthouse. The quote is for \$8,525.00 to refinish the doors.

**Motion:** Commissioner Gullion accepted the bid of \$8,525.00 to refinish the doors in the courthouse, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

The \$92,315.30 needs to be taken out of Belterra fund, building repairs account and the \$8,525.00 can be taken out of the Cum Cap fund, building repairs account.

### Sheriff – Rob Bradley

Sheriff Bradley talked to the Commissioners about the dishwasher in the Jail. Commissioner Horstman stated he would go down to the jail to look at the dishwasher to get a quote for it.

### Versailles Main Street – Holly Wehr

Ms. Wehr was in about the trees on the courthouse square. Ms. Wehr gave a lot of examples of what good use the trees are. There were numerous members of the community in the meeting. Ms. Wehr stated the community is asking the Commissioners to hire an arborist. They are recommending Don Gray. 15 trees were

cut down last year and the community would like for them to be replanted. The community is asking for the county to hire a landscaper to help with the replanting of the trees.

Mr. Herbert stated that he just got notice that the epoxy is peeling in shower 210 at the Jail. Mr. Herbert also stated that shower 108 has epoxy peeling on the floor.

**Motion:** Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the February 3, 2025 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Horstman told the other Commissioners about a person in the public that called and wanted his personal driveway graded. Commissioner Horstman told the person that the county does not do personal driveways.

Attorney John Ertel talked to the Commissioners about a letter that was received about a permit that the City of Greensburg has submitted an application for Solid Waste Permits Section of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to modify the current land application permit. Attorney Ertel stated that he would look more into the letters.


**Motion:** Commissioner Volz made a motion to approve the new Malcon contract, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Jayne Guidry from Office Shop stopped into the Commissioners meeting to introduce herself to the new Commissioners.

**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