

# Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

## February 16, 2024

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Roll Call**

**Present:** Mark Horstman, President, Kendall Hankins, Chris Schmaltz, Amy Copeland, Auditor & John Ertel, County Attorney. Commissioner Hankins had to leave at 2:30pm.

### **Apex — Prescription Benefit changes**

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to accept ProActRx as our new Pharmacy Benefit, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Maintenance — Craig Herbert**

Mr. Herbert asked about some tools that he used out of his personal collection to see if he can replace them due to, they have broken or quit working.

Mr. Herbert stated that Veregy will be in on Tuesday at 1:00pm to do a walk through at the jail.

Mr. Herbert is collecting quotes for the mowing of the county's yards.

### **Sheriff — Rob Bradley**

Sheriff Bradley was in and talked about the complaint that bereavement was given to an employee. Sheriff Bradley stated that he stands behind his Chief Deputy's decision to give it to her.

Sheriff Bradley brought in quotes for the storage containers for when the courthouse renovation starts.

Sheriff Bradley stated that the paint and paint supplies for the new program room will be reimbursed by the CPC. Sheriff Bradley stated they are wanting to tint the windows in the programs room. The cost of this tint is \$1,572.00. The Commissioners agreed with the tinting and to be paid out of Cum Cap.

### **Court Services — Shannon Schmaltz**

Mr. Schmaltz was in to ask about one of his employees to get text on her county phone. The cost of this is \$30.00 a year. The Commissioners stated that this will be ok as long as Mr. Schmaltz pays for it.

### **Highway — Jason Edwards**

Mr. Edwards asked if any information has been given on 1<sup>st</sup> North Street/Hopewell Road. Commissioner Schmaltz stated to talk to the town about helping each other with it.

Commissioner Horstman brought up 550 North that Mr. Jeff Volz is asking about due to it being abandoned, and 550 East that Mr. Heil is asking about it due to it being abandoned.

Attorney John Ertel stated to Mr. Heil that it would be in his best interest to get an attorney.

Mr. Edwards stated he told Mr. Volz that he had to get permission from land owners that attach before anything can be done.

Mr. Edwards stated that he has been trying to talk to Mr. French about the holes in the road for surveying.

Mr. Edwards stated that driveway permits are a problem. The driveway culverts are not being put into specification.

Mr. Edwards stated after the Sheriff's Department is done with the storage container, he would take it to put signs and barriers in.

### **Solar Eclipse**

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to make April 8, 2024 an Inservice day for the county and close county offices to the public. If you want the day off you will have to take your own time., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the February 2, 2024 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**Workforce Board (WorkOne)— Kurt Kegerreis**

Mr. Kegerreis was in to talk with the Commissioners about Workforce Board. He gave an update on what the program does.

**EMS & Health Department — Scott Huffman & Paul Tyrer**

Mr. Huffman stated that he received 23 new first aid kits for the EMS trucks and the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Huffman stated they got the \$60,000.00 grant. This is a reimbursable grant. This is for training supplies. Mr. Huffman and Mr. Tyrer have been working on a community paramedic (MIH provider). This paramedic will go to people's houses to help with prevention.

**Area & Planning —Tad Brinson**

Mr. Brinson stated that the DNR states that we must adopt the State of Indiana Flood Ordinance. Instead of FEMA being over this, the DNR will be over this.

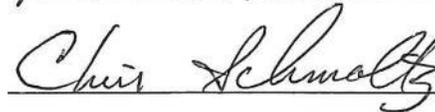
**Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes 1 absent.

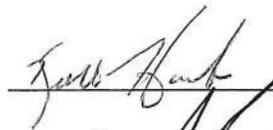
**Animal Control/Welfare — Geneen Ostendorf**

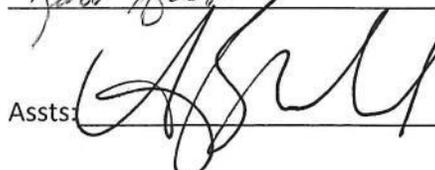
Ms. Ostendorf was in to talk to the Commissioners about an animal control officer. She states that there is nothing in Ripley County that helps with neglect. Ms. Ostendorf stated that she is asking for consideration on 2 things, a county owned shelter and an animal control officer.

**Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman Motion passed 2 yes 1 absent.

 Mark Horstman, President

 Chris Schmaltz

 Kendall Hankins

Assts:  Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor