

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

February 3, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Mark Horstman, Roger Gullion, Jeff Volz, John Ertel, Attorney, Danielle McGee, First Deputy Auditor. Auditor, Amy Copeland, was absent.

Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert received a quote from Dunlap to replace and install a water circulation pump for \$3,270.00 at the Jail. The Commissioners approved for him to pay for it out of the new jail fund.

Mr. Herbert received a quote from Dunlap for six wooden doors and frames for the courthouse for \$8,525.00. The Commissioners would like to hold off on this for now until they can talk to the Historical Society.

Mr. Herbert received a quote from Dunlap for ten toilets for \$4,750.00. This quote covers installation as well as all shut off valves, supply lines, etc.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to accept the quote from Dunlap on the purchase & installation of 10 new toilets. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously. The Commissioners will work with the Auditor to decide where to pay it out of.

911 – Will Sunderman

Mr. Sunderman needs an increase in his comp bank as he is short staffed. His current max is 80 hours and would like to go to 90 hours.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to extend Will Sunderman's comp time for an additional 3 months with a cap of 120 additional hours that have to be used by the end of August 2025, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners have approved for him to go over the max of 80, but they want to reevaluate at the end of May 2025.

Highway – Jason Edwards

The Commissioners gave Mr. Edwards an anonymous letter that they had received.

Mr. Edwards brought in the USI Bridge Consultant contract.

Commissioner Horstman mentioned that St. Nicholas Church in Suman wants to put in a parking lot in the right-away of a county dead end road.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve the pavement in the right-away as long as there are no permanent surface structures. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to accept the contract with USI Bridge Consultant for the on-call professional services agreement. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Edwards has requested that the county highway department no longer maintain the Quail Walk Road in Friendship near the NMLRA Range as they have a gate up and closed.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to no longer maintain Quail Walk Road in Friendship at the NMLRA Range. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Edwards stated that chip-n-seal will start in early May.

Mr. Edwards brought in quotes for GPS units and forward-facing cameras for 17 county trucks. The first quote is from Route 4 Me for \$550/unit per month or \$16,000/month. The 2nd quote is from Samsara \$13,808.50/year for all the trucks. Mr. Edwards would like for the Commissioners to pay year 1 and he will pay year 2 & 3 of the contract.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made motion to approve purchase GPS units/forward-facing cameras for \$13,808.50 from Samsara and pay out of contractual services for year 1. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Veregy – Art Noel

Veregy came in to give an update on the courthouse renovation and jail project.

Town of Versailles - Holly Wehr

Ms. Wehr was in regarding the trees getting cut down at the courthouse. Ms. Wehr mentioned that the Town of Versailles is against the cutting down of the trees on the courthouse lawn. The Commissioners have offered to work with a committee of volunteers to come up with a plan on what they would like for the courthouse lawn.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made a motion to send to a vote regarding the appointment for the RC Health Officer. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To obtain Dr. Welsh for reappointment as the Ripley County Health Officer **Action:** Disapproved, Motion did not pass 0-3.

The Commissioners would like for the Health Board to provide 1-2 names for the RC Health Officer. If Dr. Welsh is one of them, the Commissioners would like to hold an executive meeting prior to the second vote.

APEX – Patty Perry

Ms. Perry came in to present a mid-year health insurance review to the Commissioners.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the January 17, 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 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