

# Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

## January 10, 2025

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Roll Call

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

**Motion:** Commissioner Volz made the motion to appoint Commissioner Horstman as the Commissioner President, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Gullion made the motion to appoint the following for the year 2025:

2025 Commissioner Appointments:

County Attorney – Mr. John Ertel

Maintenance Supervisor – Mr. Craig Herbert

Building Inspector – Mr. Dereck Welton

Technology Director – Ms. Rebecca Cairns

EMA Director – Mr. James Coffey

Veterans Service Officer – Mr. Ken Hylton

Animal Control – Ms. Polly Hardy

EMS Director – Ms. Alex Poole

Highway Superintendent – Mr. Jason Edwards

911 – Mr. William Sunderman

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

### Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert stated that the Jail needs a new Jail surge protector. To repair this it would cost \$1,600.00, to replace it is \$6,500.00.

**Motion:** Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the repair of \$1,600.00 and to pay for it out of the LIT Correctional Facility money once approved by council., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners want the maintenance truck to have trailer brakes put on it. The County Garage will order and install. This is so Maintenance can get the skid steer from the Ripley County Park.

### Sheriff – Rob Bradley

Sheriff Bradley brought the quote for a camera for the room downstairs at the jail. The quote is for \$5,487.34. The Commissioners asked the Sheriff to get quotes on a new camera system in the jail.

### Highway – Jason Edwards

Mr. Edwards stated that he had a truck rear end go out on 800 South. They had it towed.

Commissioner Horstman is wanting to start the process with Batesville to talk to them about Tekulve Road, Mulberry, and Bischoff for the City of Batesville to push snow on those roads.

### **Health Department – Jason Smith**

The Health Department came in to talk to the County Attorney and Commissioners about IC 16-20-1-14a. The IC code is now stating that the Commissioners have to approve who is hired in the Health Department.

The Health Department is wanting to hire for 3 positions for the Health Department and the Health Board has approved the 3 open positions. The 3 positions are Director, School Nurse, Clinic Assistant nurse.

**Motion:** Commissioner Volz made the motion to table the hiring process until Dr. Welsh can come in and talk to the Commissioners, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Horstman had a long discussion on the subject of the Health Board.

### **Court Services – Shannon Schmaltz**

Mr. Schmaltz came in to introduce himself to the new Commissioners.

Mr. Schmaltz came to tell the Commissioners about what his office uses the Opioid Restricted money for. It is used for recovery for the people in our community.

### **EMA – James Coffey**

Mr. Coffey was in with his Declaration of Emergency of the travel advisory.

**Motion:** Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the red travel advisory that was made for 1/5/2025 8:45pm to 1/7/2025 8:00am., **Action:** Approved, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the EMA Strategic Plan, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Town of Versailles - Holly Wehr**

Ms. Wehr came to the Commissioners about the project for the trail that will tie Osgood and Versailles together. The title search showed that nothing had been vacated and the project is good to go.

### **Dog Warden – Perry Hardy**

Mr. Hardy came in and talked to them about Ms. Hardy being the dog warden. He just wanted to make sure the new Commissioners didn't have any questions.

Commissioner Volz talked to the Commissioners about the Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Volz stated they got a \$40,000.00 grant from Rising Sun Regional Foundation.

**Motion:** Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve Attorney John Ertel's contract for the year 2025, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the December 20, 2024 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**Motion:** Commissioner Volz made the motion to appoint Commissioner Gullion to the SIRPC, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Volz made the motion to appoint Commissioner Horstman to the SEIRD, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the Jack Rabbits, LLC, 1 S Main Street, Versailles, IN 47042 lease for the Prosecutor's Office, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Gullion made the motion to appoint Commissioner Volz to the Economic Development Board, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed unanimously.

**Technology – Becky Cairns**


Ms. Cairns is asking about the mobile app for the Commissioners. Each mobile app is \$15.00 a month. The Commissioners discussed this but they are opting out of this feature and going to publish their cell phone numbers. Matt Cunningham from Total Tech Connections came in to introduce himself to the Commissioners.

**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