

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

January 15, 2026

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert brought in a quote for the automation system. The quote is for \$5,033.00.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the quote of \$5,033.00 for the automation system,

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

Mr. Herbert stated Kramer has 2-3 more months left to complete the Tower.

Jail Maintenance – Mike Goddard

Mr. Goddard is requesting approval to purchase replacement plumbing components. The quote is \$4,990.50.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the request of \$4,990.50 to purchase replacement plumbing components, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Goddard stated that he did a roof inspection. All the problems have been fixed and resolved.

Sheriff – Chief Deputy Lee Davidson

Chief Deputy Davidson stated January 26th they are scheduled to start the new security system.

Chief Deputy Davidson would like to purchase new signage for the west entrance of the courthouse. The Commissioners stated the new signage will be ok but the Commissioners stated for him to get with Craig the Maintenance Supervisor.

The Commissioners would like for Enterprise Fleet Service to come in to review the leasing program and provide an update.

The Commissioners would also like for the 2 unmarked cars used by the jail commander and matron to have a magnet on the side identifying that it is a county vehicle

Highway – Jason Edwards

Mr. Edwards stated that the unofficial detour for the project on State Road 129 and 48 is for dates June 4th – 26th and will be East Mud Pike or West Mud Pike and 200 East.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the unofficial detour for the project on State Road 129 and 48 is for dates June 4th – 26th and will be East Mud Pike or West Mud Pike and 200 East, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously



Mr. Edwards stated that on County Road 25 East – Railroad bridge – USI proposal from the train company is \$74,000 just for permits. CXS wants to charge \$5,000.00 a day for a flagger for 60 days. Mr. Edwards states the bridge is staying closed right now as far as he is concerned.

Commissioner Horstman stated he spoke with Rob Sieg about St Nicholas sidewalks and the Commissioners at some point gave them the permission to put a sidewalk and parking area in the county right of way. St Nicholas is changing a step to a ramp in the right of way.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve St Nicholas changing a step to a ramp in the right of way, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Edwards states that Bridge 9 – Cavehill bridge estimated \$200,000.00 for concrete, estimated land purchase \$35,000.00, smaller equipment rental \$28,000.00, \$479,000.00 for bridge, \$89,400.00 for Sieg survey, this is for all the permits. This is for the Geotech surveys, surveying the property, and environmental studies. This is a total of \$900,000.00 estimated.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve the January 5, 2026 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The Commissioners discussed being present at meeting and not being present. This is something they are going to work on.

APEX Benefits – Patti Perry

Ms. Perry came in to provide a financial review update.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve the alley next to jail to be fixed by O’Mara for \$3,000.00, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer – Lisa Vestal

Ms. Vestal was in for a board of finance meeting.

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.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to appoint Richard Block to the Alcohol Beverage Board, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Opening bids for CCMG

First bid Paul Rohe for #11 & #9 are for \$78.15 (laid price)

Dave O’Mara for #11 & #9 are for \$75.25.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to accept the bid from Dave O'Mara for #11 & #9 for \$75.25.

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

Commissioner Gullion asked if the Health Board can set policy to override the handbook. The Health Administrator, Tara Briggs, came down and stated that the evaluation forms to go by the county hand book.

The Commissioners discussed a letter from the Area Planning Director, Tad Brinson. The Commissioners stated that they may have to have a conversation with their appointee.

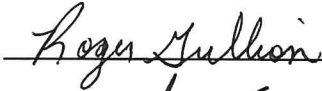
Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.



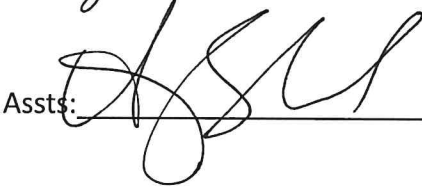
Mark Horstman, President



Jeff Volz



Roger Gullion



Assts:

Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor

