

# **Ripley County Commissioners Meeting**

## **June 23, 2025**

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Roll Call**

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

### **General Public - Mike Cord**

Mr. Cord wanted to know about bridge 9 on Cave Hill Road. The Commissioners stated that they are going to do their best to keep the bridge open as long as they can. It is \$12,000,000.00 to replace the bridge.

### **Coroner — Jason Bailey & Jason Smith**

Mr. Smith was in to see if the Maintenance truck could be transferred to the Coroner's office. They would put a camper shell on the truck. The van the coroner's office has you are in the vehicle with the deceased person.

### **Health Dept — Jason Smith**

Mr. Smith stated that the Health Officer job has been posted. They have had one person apply. Commissioner Horstman stated that something needs to be done with the appointment. The Commissioners asked for it to be advertised more.

### **Highway — Jason Edwards**

Mr. Edwards is thinking that they may put a steal bridge in beside bridge 9. He is getting the prices for that. This will be done by the end of the year 2028.

Mr. Edwards stated all mowers are on overtime on Fridays to keep up.

Mr. Edwards stated they are on Hopewell Road to County Line chip and sealing.

Mr. Edwards stated the Highway Garage wants to do permits for driveway culverts and attach a fee to it. The fee would be \$25.00.

Commissioner Horstman told Mr. Edwards about a culvert on 800 North of 48. Mr. Edwards stated that he would go look at it and get it fixed.

### **Clerk — Liz Baumgartner**

The Commissioners have an ordinance for the election district. This ordinance would change council district 1 & 3, removing precinct Laughery 1 to council district 3.

**Motion:** Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the ordinance to change council district 1 & 3, removing precinct Laughery 1 to Council District 3., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Volz made the motion to change poll workers pay, clerk/judge \$125, judge \$135 and inspector to \$185 per day., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Health — Tara Briggs**

Ms. Briggs came in with permission to replace a shed on Hopewell Road for the EMS with a new shed. This would have a concrete slab under the shed.

**Motion:** Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve a shed to be placed at both EMS locations., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Veregy — Art Noel**

Mr. Noel was in to give an update on the Courthouse and Jail renovation.

### **EMA — James Coffey**

Mr. Coffey came in with a Mitigation plan for Ripley County.

**Motion:** Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

\*Attorney Ertel stated that the Commissioners have an appointment for the Alcohol Beverage Commission. The pay is \$240.00 a year. Commissioner Gullion stated that Doug Rump is interested in any open positions. The Commissioners were going to talk to him about the open position.

### **911 — Will Sunderman**

Mr. Sunderman told the Commissioners that the Highway Garage FCC license expired in January, he is working on getting it renewed.

Mr. Suderman stated that he has been doing QA in 911 and has been going really well.

**Motion:** Mr. Volz made the motion to approve the quote from Mobilecomm for \$4,817.95 to replace storm damage MW dish and realign dish, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sunderman stated that the Cross Plains tornado siren needs work done to it. It needs new batteries and cleaned up around it.

Mr. Sunderman stated that all the fire chiefs are in for IamReponding. Mr. Sunderman stated that it is about \$4,000.00 a month. This is for all of Ripley County. The Commissioners approved for 911 to pay for it.

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

**Motion:** Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve a camera in the 911 office that does not face any monitors, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the June 9, 2025 meeting minutes, **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.

**Motion:** Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve the Interior signage from Green Signs that is GSC 200 Series - page 1, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners discussed their budgets for the 2026 year.

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



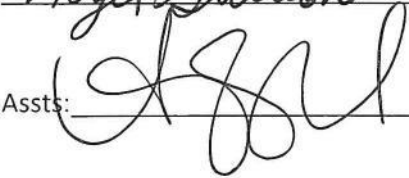
Mark Horstman, President



Jeff Volz



Roger Gullion



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Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor