

# Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

## July 07, 2025

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Roll Call

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

### Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert brought in quotes for a new UTV with a snow blade.

The quotes are Thorton Motorcycle \$27,241.81, Zimmer Tractor \$27,499.00, Stone \$28,740.00, OnTarget \$31,295.95, and Osgood Power Equipment \$31,289.66.

The Commissioners have to see what they are going to do with the truck first.

The Commissioners discussed some things in the courthouse, the restroom hanging heater and maybe an open house for people to see the courthouse work. They are not going to rehang the restroom heater unless it is needed this winter.

### Sheriff – Rob Bradley

Sheriff Bradley wanted the Commissioners to know about the roof leaking at the jail.

Sheriff Bradley also wanted the Commissioners to know that they got the nepotism circumstance taken care of at the jail. The gentleman is not going to be under the direct supervision of his father any longer.

Commissioner Gullion has a person that would like to be appointed to the Alcohol Beverage Board.

**Motion:** Commissioner Gullion made the motion to appoint Richard Block to the Alcohol Beverage Board,

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

Commissioner Gullion stated that it has been brought to his attention that people are coming in the building with no shoes & no shirt. He wanted to know if we could put a sign up with a dress code. Commissioner Horstman stated that we just need to tell security that they need to have shoes and shirt on to enter a public building.

The Commissioners discussed the Park Board meeting at the fairgrounds. The Commissioners are going to ask that they have all meetings in the Annex Commissioner room so they can be live and recorded.

**Motion:** Commissioner Volz made the motion to have the Park Board have the meetings in the Commissioner Annex room so they can be recorded and live streamed, **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/jail renovation.

### Health Department – Tara Briggs

Ms. Briggs would like to have a cooling center in the Annex. The Commissioners would not like to open it as a public cooling center. The Commissioners asked Ms. Briggs if she would keep asking around.

Ms. Briggs wants to know if she can set up early for the back to school bash. The Commissioners are ok with getting ready early.

Commissioner Volz wants to look at the site for the new sheds before the Health Department puts the new sheds up.

Attorney Ertel brought up the Bankruptcy of Purdue Pharma.

**Motion:** Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve the settlement over 16 years, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

**Peter Paul Office – Dave Gutzwiller & Nick Young**

Mr. Young is wanting the Commissioners to set up a state contract for equipment. This would be with Ricoh equipment. He uses a state contract with Ricoh. The Commissioners gave their blessing to talk to all of the offices.

**Motion:** Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the June 23, 2025 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

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


**Ripley C.A.R.E. – Geneen Ostendorf**

Ms. Ostendorf stated since April 14, 2025 Ripley C.A.R.E. has spoken to the Board of Health, Council and the Commissioners about an Animal Control Officer. The Commissioners stated they would put it in the budget.


Commissioners discussed their budgets with the Auditor and signed them.

**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