

# Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

## June 21, 2024

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Roll Call

**Present:** Mark Horstman, President, Chris Schmaltz, Kendall Hankins, Amy Copeland, Auditor. John Ertel, Attorney was absent.

### Maintenance — Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert has a quote for 2 fire extinguishers. The quote is for \$329.90 for both.

**Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the quote for \$329.90 for 2 fire extinguishers,

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion for Mr. Herbert to purchase 12 shirts and 2 jackets from Chozen for the price of \$356.45, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Herbert talked to the Commissioners about a heat pump for the Courthouse. Mr. Herbert is going to get some more prices on a heat pump.

### Technology — Becky Cairns

Ms. Cairns is in about Dispatch wanting 3 analog phones for all 3 stations. This would cost the county \$72.00 a month and it is a 3 year contract. There were questions on if you could only use one and not 3.

**Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve one analog phone for the 911 station in the amount of \$24.00 a month, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins.

Motion passed unanimously.

### Sheriff — Rob Bradley

Mr. Bradley brought in a quote for a new camera for the jail. The quote for this is \$1,275.16. The Commissioners told Sheriff Bradley to check with Matt from Total Tech. The Commissioners approved the purchase of the camera.

Commissioner Hankins talked about Marvin Smith passing and working for the Sheriff's Department for over 20 years.

### Highway — Mert Huntington

Mr. Huntington brought in the updated road specs for signature.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to update the highway road specs, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the June 5, 2024 Executive Session meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the June 7, 2024 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the claims and payroll, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to appoint Derick Welton to the building inspector position in Ripley County, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Veregy — Art Noel**

Mr. Noel brought in the progress update on the courthouse renovation.

#### **Kim Johnson**

Ms. Johnson read a grievance to the Commissioners.

Ms. Johnson wanted to know why seniority was not followed by what the handbook stated. Ms. Johnson stated that she could never work under Mr. Herbert again.

Ms. Johnson stated that she had emailed the Commissioners on February 26, 2024 and they did not respond. Commissioner Hankins stated that there was no response necessary.

The Commissioners did talk to Ms. Johnson about her job and they are not going to hire another supervisor. The Commissioners did say they will have an executive session with Mr. Herbert the Maintenance Supervisor.

#### **Witkemper Insurance — Mark Taylor and Kevin Krekeler**

Mr. Taylor was in to ask if they could do a quote for the county insurance, liability, aviation, covered bridge, workers comp, and auto. The Commissioner gave there blessing for a quote to be done.

#### **Beth Duncan**

Ms. Duncan was in about the Brownstown/Millhousen Road Intersection that is so dangerous. The Dickman's farm this intersection and when corn is up it is hard to see. Ms. Duncan asked the Dickman's to cut the corn back on the intersection. They talked about a 3 way stop sign.

#### **Court Services — Shannon Schmaltz**

Mr. Schmaltz was in about a RC Advisory Board. Mr. Josh Wilson was a board appointee and is withdrawing. The Board has recommended Jessica Ogden.

**Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to appoint Jessica Ogden to the Ripley County Advisory Board, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Rick Stevens**


Mr. Steven was in about other appointees on the Park Board. The appointees were very unruly to Mr. Stevens. Commissioner Horstman stated that he refers everyone to the park board.

#### **Health Department — Paul Tyrer**

Dr. Weaver will be in the county on July 18, 2024 at 9:30am.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

  
Mark Horstman, President

  
Chris Schmaltz

  
Kendall Hankins

Assts:  Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor