

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

June 9, 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 the Plymate service agreement. If we will renew early, we will get a free first aid kit. There is no price increase.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the Plymate service agreement, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Herbert brought in a of Kramer & Son submittal. The Commissioners picked out linen white for the color of the clock tower, round fluted columns and a copper roof.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve Kramer & Son submittal for the clock tower., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Herbert brought in the Veregy progress status report.

Commissioner Volz stated that Mr. Herbert could use a UTV instead of the truck. The Commissioners asked for Mr. Herbert to get some prices on UTVs.

Sheriff – Rob Bradley

Sheriff Bradley stated they interviewed 3 employees for the Jail Maintenance position. The Sheriff would like to hire a jail employee.

The Commissioners and the Sheriff office is going to have the maintenance position to come over to the Commissioner meeting at 3 o'clock.

The Sheriff wanted to know if they could write a check early for Napoleon State Locker

Assessor – Shawna Bushhorn

The Assessor brought in bids for the 4-year cyclical assessment. The bids are from Tyler Technology for \$520,560.00 & Vision Government Solutions \$490,600.00.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made a motion to approve Vision Government Solutions for the Assessor contract for cyclical assessment, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Highway – Jason Edwards

Commissioner Horstman told Mr. Edwards about pot holes on Mill Road.

Commissioner Horstman also told Mr. Edwards about signs that are missing on Eastern Ave & County Line and North Dearborn Road.

Mr. Edwards stated that Napoleon Quarry is out of stone so they are going to move to the South.

Mr. Edwards is considering buying a paver for the highway garage.

The Commissioners discussed the wheel tax for the Community Crossing Matching Grant. The state is basically making the county do a surtax and wheel tax. USI gave us come information to look at.

Commissioner Gullion brought to the attention that there was a mud and sewage on the road from where there was a IXCR racing. This race was off of Base Line Road.

General Public – Breanna Huddleston

Ms. Huddleston is in to discuss a drainage issue. Ms. Huddleston has pictures about the drainage issue. Attorney John Ertel stated that he could file a drainage board violation or she could get a lawyer.

SIRPC – Mary McCarty

Ms. McCarty is here with the Napoleon Community Rural Water Corp. Ripley county needs to be the OCRA grant holder.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve Ripley County as the Ocra grant holder for the Napoleon Community Water Corp, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Area Planning – Tad Brinson

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the amendment and add, Section (E) (40.5) and 80.24 (F) (40.5) of the area zoning code of Ripley County, Indiana, 2006 as amended: and codified under title XV, and chapter 156, Section 156.404 and section 156.405 (NN-1) of the code of ordinances of Ripley County, Indiana, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners discussed the redistricting of Laughery 1 into District 3, if this was done it would bring differential to 10%. Attorney John Ertel will have this ready for the next Commissioner meeting.

The Commissioners discussed the maintenance job. They are just going to let the jail hire a maintenance position and let them put in an additional appropriation.

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

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

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the one covered bridge on the certification, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Assts: Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor