

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

March 01, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mark Horstman, President, Kendall Hankins, Chris Schmaltz, Amy Copeland, Auditor & John Ertel, County Attorney.

Maintenance — Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert stated that some of the cigarette butt containers are busting. It would be \$649.75 to order 5 new ones. This may have shipping on it but he is unsure of that yet.

Mr. Herbert has been pricing the mowing of the county yards.

Commissioner Hankins asked for Mr. Herbert to work on the sidewalk chips when the weather gets better.

Sheriff— Rob Bradley

Commissioner Horstman stated that Powell Equipment had storage containers for \$150.00 a month.

Commissioner Hankins thinks that we just need to purchase a storage container.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to purchase a used storage container from Boxhub, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff Bradley stated that the window tinting was put on at the jail yesterday. Sheriff Bradley stated they decided to do a few more windows than expected, so the price raised.

Deputy Davidson talked to the Commissioners about cameras being put up for the judges. The Commissioners stated to pay for this out of the Opioid Unrestricted.

Animal Welfare — Geneen Ostendorf

Ms. Ostendorf was in to give an update on the welfare of animals. Ms. Ostendorf stated that no one is checking on to make sure these animals are getting vaccines. Ms. Ostendorf stated that dispatch has gotten 168 calls in 6 months. Ms. Ostendorf stated there is no ordinance for abuse and neglect of animals.

Highway — Jason Edwards

Mr. Edwards stated that the pot hole patches are running right now.

Mr. Edwards stated that supplies for 2 new bridges will get here next week. These bridges are for 900 South and 550 South.

Mr. Edwards stated that they hired a new employee and he starts Monday 3/4/2024.

Mr. Edwards stated that the 10 hour days in the winter are working out great.

Veregy — Art Noel & Rick Anderson

Mr. Noel was in with an update to the courthouse renovation.

Mr. Anderson talked to the Commissioners about the Jail roof and HVAC. Mr. Anderson is working on this and could be a change order on the Courthouse Renovation Project.

Main Street Versailles — Holly Wehr & Mary McCarty

Ms. Wehr & Ms. McCarty talked about the Stellar Pathways Program. This is setting aside \$12 million for 2 counties in the state. This would be \$6 million for each county. Ms. McCarty stated that the county needs a new comprehensive plan.

Technology — Becky Cairns

Ms. Cairns stated she has everything done to get the extension off switched over to our phone system. The cost of this is \$2,204.00.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the extension office phone system, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Cairns talked about the recording system in the Superior Court Room. Ms. Cairns got quotes from BIS & FTR. BIS quote is \$27,046.02, this is for all new equipment and FTR quote would be \$7,145.00 with only a few updates.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to move forward for the Superior Court to get BIS for the recording system, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Cairns came in with VPN (VPN is access to Spillman) information. The Commissioners want Total Tech to bill each entity for the VPNs.

Technology came to talk to the Commissioners about a 2nd authentic password.

Total Tech talked about making the email more secure. The more secure network is \$4,200.00 year Microsoft Defender for 365.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the \$4,200.00 for Microsoft Defender for 365 plan 1. The Commissioners stated to pay out of Cum Cap, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

EMS — Scott Huffman

Commissioner Schmaltz talked to Mr. Huffman about an extra ambulance on site for an event that is expected to have a large crowd.

Mr. Huffman stated that they have been sent information on a grant specifically for EMS. There is a 10% cost match. The Health Department stated they would get a 5% match and MMCH stated they would give 5%.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the February 16, 2024 Commissioner meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the February 16, 2024 Commissioner executive session 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 approve the SEIRD Advisory Committee members Paula Rasnick & Jared Rogers, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners talked about the EMA position. The Commissioners stated they are going to wait to talk to Council at the next meeting on March 18, 2024.

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

_____ Mark Horstman, President

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 _____ Kendall Hankins

Assts  _____ Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor