

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

March 15, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Kendall Hankins and Chris Schmaltz, Danielle McGee, First Deputy. County Attorney, John Ertel, arrived at 1:30pm. Absent is Commissioner President, Mark Horstman.

Maintenance — Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert brought in quotes for mowing — King Turf Mgt. LLC quote \$180/week for 32 weeks, Fresh Cut Lawn Landscaping is \$165/week, Enviroscope Creative Landscape for \$160/week, Brayden Simon, Simon Lawn Care \$165/week for 25 mowings.

Mr. Herbert has an interview next week for open position

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve Enviroscope Creative Landscape for \$160 per weekly mow, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes 1 absent.

First Deputy Sheriff — Lee Davidson

Ice maker in jail is 20 years old and falling apart and Deputy Davidson has 2 bids to replace upper unit, Dunlap quote is just for replacing part of the unit & Phoenix Refrigeration recommended replacing entire unit. Mr. Davidson will call Dunlap back to get a quote for the entire unit

Mr. Davidson said they will purchase 20-30 pizzas to fix for those who will be working the Solar Eclipse.

Mr. Davidson said the storage unit was delivered on March 14th.

Animal Welfare — Geneen Ostendorf

C.A.R.E. had a meeting on March 14th and have decided to apply for 501c to move forward. C.A.R.E. would like the county ordinances updated and would like to educate the public. Ms. Ostendorf would like for county ordinances to include language regarding neglect.

Highway—Tim Sides

Mr. Sides stated the construction started on bridge 13 on 550 S. Once that bridge is complete then bridge 172 on 900 S will start. Schmaltz asked about CCMC Grant, the highway will know on the 27th of March.

The highway has hired 2 new employees.

County Attorney, Ertel said Griffin Grove Subdivision was inspected by Mr. Edwards. He stated that the construction bond can be released. As long as road holds up the county can take it over.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve to release construction bond, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes & 1 absent.

First Deputy Davidson came back in with an updated quote from Dunlap for \$10,370.53 for the entire unit.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the quote for Dunlap for \$10,370.53, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes & 1 absent.

Shannon Schmaltz — Court Services

Mr. Schmaltz needs to get signatures for a Indiana Department Corrections Grant.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the Indiana Department Corrections Grant

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes & 1 absent.

Veregy — Art Noel & Rick Anderson

Mr. Noel said the courthouse tested positive for lead paint on existing metal. This does not pose a hazard as long as it is not drilled into, with the clean up, they will demo 3rd floor and will remove paneling on the 15^t floor. This may delay the project a week or two.

Judge King will get the pricing document from Jeff French on renting the old church next to Annex building.

Versailles Lions Club — Paul Sipples

Mr. Sipples is wanting to the know when the courthouse project is going to start so the Lions Club can plan for the Pumpkin Show. The Pumpkin Show will take place September 25-28th.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the March 1, 2024 Commissioner meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes & 1 absent.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the claims and payroll, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes & 1 absent.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes & 1 absent.



Mark Horstman, President



Chris Schmaltz



Kendall Hankins


Assts: _____ Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor