

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

March 3, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Mark Horstman, Roger Gullion, Jeff Volz, John Ertel, Attorney, Danielle McGee, Deputy Auditor. Auditor, Amy Copeland, was absent.

Maintenance — Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert talked about the insulation for the 2nd and 3rd floor of the Courthouse. Mr. Herbert received a quote for the insulation from Halcomb's Home Center for \$2,597.21. Mr. Herbert mentioned that Dunlaps will install the insulation at no additional cost. Commissioner Horstman suggested paying it out of building maintenance.

Mr. Herbert spoke about the trees. Mr. Herbert received a quote from Don Gray for \$1,500 to evaluate the trees. Mr. Herbert received a quote from Adams Tree Service for \$2,500 for the Courthouse. This is to remove dead limbs out of the trees. Mr. Herbert mentioned that the quote also broke out the cost to maintain the trees at the Annex building for an additional \$3,500. Commissioner Horstman would like to get a quote from Arbor Management.

Sheriff —1st Deputy, Lee Davidson

Mr. Davidson gave an update on the cameras at the jail. Mr. Davidson mentioned that the initial quote from Securitas Technology is for \$270,000. Mr. Davidson said if they reuse the existing coax that Securitas could do it for \$160,000. Mr. Davidson asked the Commissioners if they would like for him to get quotes from other companies besides Secure Toss and the timing, they would want the bids as they are only good for 30 days. Commissioner Gullion mentioned that since Securitas is already an approved vendor with Source Well, they would not need to get any additional quotes. Commissioner Horstman suggested doing an additional appropriation for \$280,000 for the April Council meeting.

Highway — Jason Edwards

Attorney, John Ertel, brought up the release of a bond.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to release the bond on the road construction improvements, and maintenance on the Griffin Grove Subdivision as stated on bond BX0047078, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Edwards stated that chip-n-seal will start in May.

Mr. Edwards mentioned that one of the John Deere tractors is broken down.

Mr. Edwards stated the new Kubota has arrived.

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

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

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the February 14, 2025 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Veregy — Art Noel

Mr. Noel introduced Eric Kramer from Kramer & Sons, Inc. Mr. Kramer stated they did an inspection of the interior and exterior on the clock tower. Mr. Kramer provided the Commissioners with their findings and proposal. Their proposal is for \$636,406.00 and would be replacing everything in the clock tower except the clock. Commissioner Horstman stated that they will put the request into the Council for the funding of this project.

Attorney, John Ertel, had to leave the meeting early.

Mr. Noel provided an update on the courthouse and jail renovation.

First Financial — Pam Crozier

Ms. Crozier was in to talk about First Financial Bank's Worklife and Financial Wellness program that they would like to offer to the county employees.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to allow First Financial Bank to come into the county offices to meet with the employees regarding their WorkLife and Financial Wellness program. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

EMS — Alex Poole

Ms. Poole was in to talk to the Commissioners with regards to giving one of her employees 2 additional days of bereavement.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to pay this employee an additional 2 days of bereavement. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Poole mentioned that squad 5 is totaled. Ms. Poole said the insurance will pay \$250,000 as well as the county is able to keep the squad for salvage. Ms. Poole stated they can get by with only having 4 squads. Ms. Poole would like to use the insurance money from squad 5 to purchase a new squad to replace squad 4.

Vestal Auction - Rob Vestal

Mr. Vestal was in to discuss his online auction process and fees.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to allow Rob Vestal Auction to conduct an online auction for the county. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

RCED — Gary Norman

Mr. Norman was in to discuss the Ripley County Comprehensive Plan.

Kim Jahnigen was in to talk to the Commissioners regarding recycling and not taking tires any longer. Ms. Jahnigen mentioned that they are being dumped behind their property on Hasmer Hill Road. Commissioner Horstman suggested that she should call the Solid Waste office in Jefferson County to see if they have any information.

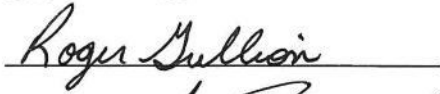
Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.



Mark Horstman, President



Jeff Volz



Roger Gullion



Asst:

Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor