

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

March 31, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Mark Horstman, Roger Gullion, Jeff Volz, John Ertel, Attorney, Amy Copeland, Auditor.

Shannon Schmaltz — Court Services

Mr. Schmaltz came in to talk to the Commissioners about a vehicle donated to Court Services. The Commissioners signed the title to be in the Ripley County Commissioner name.

Health Board — Jason Smith

Mr. Smith came in after the executive session to give the nomination of Tara Briggs.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve Tara Briggs as the new Health Office Administrator,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Craig Herbert — Maintenance

Mr. Herbert came in to tell the Commissioners that the blower on the boiler at the Courthouse went out. The cost to fix the blower is \$2,300.75.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to fix the blower on the boiler in the Courthouse, **Action:** Approve,

Moved by Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Herbert told the Commissioners about the dishwasher at the jail not working properly. The Commissioners told Mr. Herbert to get a quote on fixing the dishwasher.

Mr. Herbert brought in the quote to put in 314 new outlets, switches and covers. The quote is for \$23,442.00.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the quote of \$23,442.00 for new outlets, switches and covers for the Courthouse, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Herbert brought in a quote for new wall plates, modules and labor for Internet wall jacks. The quote is from H.O.P. Communications for \$3,971.80.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the quote from H.O.P. Communications for \$3,971.80, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Horstman talked about the bid we had from Kramer for the clock tower. Commissioner Horstman stated he had called them to talk to them and never had a return call. Commissioner Horstman stated that another company will be out to look at the clock tower within the week. The other company is Imbus Roofing Co.

Mr. Herbert stated that he and Becky Cairns (Technology Director) have been working on a move in schedule for the Courthouse.

Lee Davidson — Sheriff Office

Deputy Davidson came in with 2 quotes for the security cameras, wires, and computer board. One quote from Securitas Technology for \$358,882.00 and one quote from Security Automation Systems for \$356,000.00. The Commissioners stated that the Sheriff needs to ask for an additional from Council.

Tim Sides — Highway

Mr. Sides came in with the chip and seal list of roads for 2025. This will start on May 5, 2025.

Commissioner Horstman did state that after 2025 chip and seal roads are done, there will be no more gravel roads in Ripley County.

Mr. Sides brought up the road the Napoleon Stone Quarry is on. Commissioner Horstman states that one of the Commissioners and Jason Edwards, Highway Superintendent, need to meet with the Quarry.

Mr. Sides stated that a box culvert is going to be replaced on 200 North.

The Commissioners stated the auction list consist of:

2 pickup trucks

Kubota Tractor (\$19,000 reserve)

3 pt side mower

Wood chipper

Various culvert pieces

Truck snow plow

10 Dayton rims

Grader V blade

2 385-650 22.5 tires

Box JD parts

Ambulance (\$10,000.00 reserve)

Tim Costello — Employee of Ripley County

Mr. Costello is concerned about our insurance the county offers. There was a long discussion on the matter and by the time he left he understood better.

Jason Smith & Alex Poole — EMS

Mr. Smith brought in a contract for EMS to track the calls they are getting for charting purposes. They have talked to a company called Health Call and the contract is for \$26,400.00. The Health Department and the EMS will cover the cost of this contract.

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

Patti Perry — Apex (Health Insurance)

Ms. Perry was in to talk about the Health Insurance renewal.

Nothing with Standard will change, all will stay the same.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to renew our medical insurance with Imagine 360, with Zurich American/IOA Re, ELAP Plus, and Imagine Health RBR, to renew our organ transplant coverage with Optum, and to renew with Standard Life, Standard Vol Life, Standard short and long term disability, and all voluntary insurances. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to leave medical premiums the same for all county employees **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners have not decided on Dental or Vision insurance yet.

Deborah Donk — General Public

Ms. Donk is asking if we can look at commercial farms and the ordinances for commercial farms. The Commissioners stated that she may need to talk to area and planning.

Will Sunderman - 911

Mr. Sunderman came in to talk about a 911 Board with the Commissioners. The Commissioners would like to just keep things how they are going as they think it would just be easier for the 911 Director. Mr. Sunderman stated he is working on taking his compensation time as much as he can. Mr. Sunderman stated that he would like to pay for an application for all the fire departments. Mr. Sunderman stated he would like to see the county pay for the application for the phone. The estimated cost is \$5,000.00 for a year. The Commissioners asked Will to bring this up at the next Fire Chief meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to rescind the motion to renovate the probation department bathroom, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

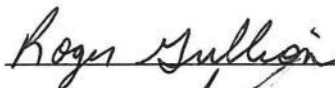
Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the March 17, 2025 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.


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