

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

May 23, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Maintenance — Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert brought in a quote from Dunlap for a new chiller coil for the annex building for \$17,000.00. **Motion:** Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the \$17,000.00 quote to be paid out of the ARP money, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners asked the Auditor to send out an email about the carpet in the courthouse. If anyone sees any blemishes to let Craig know by Wednesday, May 28, 2025.

Mr. Herbert brought in a quote for a temp control cartridge for \$930.00.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to purchase the temp control cartridge for \$930.00 to be paid out of the jail maintenance., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Herbert brought in quotes for blinds for the courthouse. The quotes are from Pulskamp for \$35,531.00 and Dunlap (Midwest Shade) for \$15,379.00.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve Dunlap's (Midwest Shade) quote for \$15,379.00 and paid out of EDIT, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners discussed the maintenance position with the Sheriff. They are going to interview with the Sheriff.

The Commissioners discussed chairs for the Commissioners room. The price of the chairs is \$375.95 a piece. We need 11 chairs.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve buying 11 chairs for \$375.95 a piece from the office shop, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners discussed Probation chairs, 14 chairs for \$155.00 a piece through Uline. They want probation to order the chairs and they can put them together.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion for probation to purchase 14 chairs for \$155.00 each from Uline and for the probation department to put them together, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners told Mr. Herbert to purchase 15 coat hangers for the courthouse employees.

Sheriff — Rob Bradley

The Sheriff came in with approval for the cameras and security system upgrade. The Sheriff brought in the contract from Security Automation Systems for the project.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the contract for Security Automation Systems., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously. The Sheriff stated that he has a 2019 charger that he wants to donate to IELA. The charger was purchased with commissary money. The Commissioners gave their blessing.

Vestal Auction Service — Rob Vestal

Mr. Vestal brought in the checks for the auction the county had online. The total of the whole auction was \$27,470.00 total expense was \$370.00 so an investment of \$27,100.00.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve the Vestal Auction Service with the check in the amount of \$27,100.00., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners discussed an address of 882 N SR 101, Milan, IN 47031. The Commissioners are going to email the person back and tell them to maybe get in contact with a lawyer.

Attorney Ertel brought in a proclamation for declaring June as Ripley County Small Business Month. **Motion:** Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the proclamation for declaring June as Ripley County Small Business Month., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners and Attorney Ertel spoke about the Park Board and the ordinance that established the Park Board. They discussed the tax rate for the Park. Commissioner Horstman stated he is going to send an email to the Park Board.

The Commissioners talked about redistricting Laughery 1 to District 4. The Commissioners are going to reach out to some of the Council members before making a decision.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the May 12, 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 WTH contract for the Electronic Map Data Application, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Surveyor — Jeff French

Mr. French was in and stated the greenhouse has been cleaned and the contract will be over on the 15th of May. Mr. French stated there was some cost and he will take it off of the deposit and give us a refund.

Attorney Ertel stated that the Council will need to do a wheel tax and county excise tax for the CCMG money. The Attorney is going to work with Council on this matter.

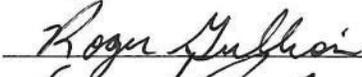
Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to adjourn., **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.



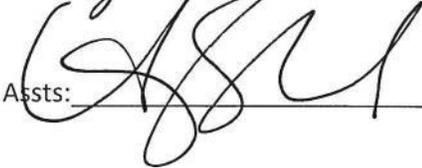
Mark Horstman, President



Jeff Volz



Roger Gullion



Assts:

Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor