

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

November 13, 2023

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 gave an update on Plymate.

Mr. Herbert stated that he has talked to Johannigman about the parking lot again. The EV chargers do take up a lot of room so we will be short a couple of parking spots.

Mr. Herbert stated he has not had anyone put in for the full time maintenance position.

911 – Leah Hildebrand

Ms. Hildebrand stated that she is in about the leak they had in the 911 office. Mr. Herbert stated that he thinks the leak is fixed.

Ms. Hildebrand is wanting to put in tile carpet in the 911 offices. Ms. Hildebrand has 3 quotes for the flooring, Great Buy Flooring, LLC \$7,379.70, Pulskamp \$8,940.75, and Halcomb \$5,022.00 (just carpet).

The Commissioners told Ms. Hildebrand to get some more quotes on painting, carpet and fixing some electric. The Commissioners gave her a \$10,000.00 budget and to pay it from the Belterra Fund.

Versailles Main Street – Roxanne Meyer & Holly Wehr

Ms. Meyer was in to let them know about the December 2, 2023 Home for the Holidays Christmas event.

Versailles Main Street is wanting to put up luminaries in the Annex and on the sidewalk, a banner up for pictures between 2 of the post, and the use of the bathrooms.

Ms. Wehr was in about the parking lot on the North side of the courthouse. The Commissioners stated that they are going to go ahead with the project.

The Commissioners gave Versailles Main Street an update on the courthouse renovation.

Highway – Jason Edwards

Mr. Edwards stated that Dave O'Mara is done.

Mr. Edwards stated that 25 South is done paving, but needs to be bermed. Then the town can paint the white lines for the bike trail. The Commissioners stated to clean the area up around the Busching Bridge and put rock on the berms.

Mr. Edwards stated that the new tractor is almost ready to put on the road.

Attorney Ertel sent a letter to Linda Wheeler for the bush obstructing the road and Curtis Stevens was sent a letter on a replacement of driveway culvert.

Mr. Edwards stated that they will be staying on 10 hour days straight Monday – Thursday.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve October 30, 2023 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the ordinance amending ordinance 2011-11, the burial allowance for member of the military meeting certain criteria, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to appoint Chris Schmaltz to the Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed unanimously.

Henriott Group – Ryan Secord

Mr. Secord was in about the Health Insurance. Mr. Secord stated that the things that need to be looked at are Medical, Pharmacy, and stop loss.

The Commissioners are going to table anything with Mr. Secord to research what he is offering. The Commissioners are asking for references on Mr. Secord. The Commissioners asked him to send them to the Auditor to forward to the Commissioners.

Health Department – Jason Smith

Mr. Smith was in about a new hire in the Health Department and a job change. The Administrator of the Health Departments last day was on October 21, 2023. The interim has been Candy Guenther the nurse. The Health Department is also wanting to make some changes with adding a new assistant administrator.

Apex – Bill Sylvester & Patti Perry

Mr. Sylvester did make a statement on the remarks on Henriott Group.

The Commissioners asked that the Auditor to tell Ryan Secord from Henriott Group that we are going to stay with our current broker.

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


Mark Horstman, President


Chris Schmaltz


Kendall Hankins

Assts: 
Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor