

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

November 22, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mark Horstman, Chris Schmaltz, Kendall Hankins, John Ertel, Attorney, Amy Copeland, Auditor.

Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert brought in a quote from Red Forge for \$5,240.00 for one style of hand railing and \$8,480.00 for another style of hand railing. Mr. Herbert is waiting on another quote to get approval.

Mr. Herbert also asked the Commissioners about buying a salt spreader. The cost is \$149.00. The Commissioners stated for him to order it.

Mr. Herbert also stated that he has to order a skid of water softener salt.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the November 12, 2024 executive meeting minutes,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the November 8, 2024 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve,

Moved by Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the Low Tax Information system, **Action:** Approve, **Moved**

by Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. 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.

Highway – Jason Edwards

Commissioner Horstman asked Mr. Edwards to call Dearborn County and asked what they do to clear the roads when the weather is bad.

Mr. Edwards stated that the new mowing tractor will be here in March.

911- William Sunderman

Mr. Sunderman was looking into getting a new door system to the 911 center. This would be a scanning system. The Commissioners gave their blessing.

Mr. Sunderman is also looking into getting a camera for the offices.

Motion: Commissioner Horstman made a motion to make new trustee lines for Ripley County.

Motion dies due to no second.

Mr. Sunderman is going to ask the Council about a tactical task vehicle. This would be for any area that doesn't have service.

Main Street Versailles – Holly Wehr

Ms. Wehr was in and talked about the benches and picnic tables. They have all the places covered with either a picnic table or benches. She was wondering if there was anywhere else a bench or a picnic table could go.

Liability, Auto, & Workers Comp Bids

Encore Insurance was in with a bid for the insurance bids. Mr. Brad Samples was the only broker that was in for the bids. The Commissioners have taken the bid under advisement to see if we can look over the inventory.

Veregy – Art Noel

Mr. Noel came in to give an update on the Courthouse and Jail renovation.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion for the change order for the solar for the jail. The change order is for \$277,081.00, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Noel brought in a change order for the clock tower roof. The quote for a repair is \$39,659.00 and the quote for the replacement is \$154,968.00. The Commissioners had a lot of questions and Mr. Noel is going to come back to the Commissioners with some answers for them.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to table the clock tower fix., **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Area Planning – Tad Brinson

Mr. Brinson is in with a rezone 12612 N SR 129, Batesville, IN 47006. This would be a rezone from a A2 to RB.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the rezone 12612 N SR 129, Batesville, IN 47006, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

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



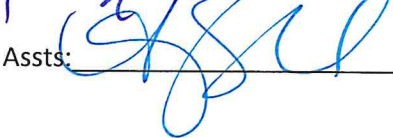
Mark Horstman, President



Chris Schmaltz



Kendall Hankins


Assts: _____
Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor