

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

November 24, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert has a quote from Cintas for a new fire alarm panel for the Annex.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the quote from Cintas for \$1,452.22 for the fire alarm panel in the Annex., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Herbert asked about the lights that were taken down in the Annex offices. The Commissioners told him to sell what he can on the auction site.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the quote from Frontline for the electrical fix for the clock and bell tower. The quote is for \$5,966.00., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners talked about Christmas decorations in the storage room and if they aren't being used. The Commissioners talked to Mr. Herbert about the cleaning staff and things that have happened.

Sheriff – Rob Bradley, Lee Davidson, Chief Deputy, and Michael Goddard, Maintenance

Mr. Davidson told the Commissioners about the security buttons for the Courthouse and the Annex.

Mr. Goddard talked to the Commissioners about the booking room in the Jail being finished and the new scanner has been put in. Mr. Goddard stated that it saved the county about \$20,000.00 by the county doing all the work. He also gave a total update of the Jail Maintenance.

Sheriff Rob Bradley invited the Commissioners to the Jail to look at the scanner and the new booking room.

Highway – Jason Edwards

Commissioner Horstman thinks that the county needs an ordinance for road closures. This would be to make sure that the semis use the official detour. Attorney John Ertel is going to work on this.

Mr. Edwards stated that CSX states we have to fix the bridge on 25 East over the railroad tracks. The railroad states it is our bridge.

Mr. Edwards stated they are almost done in the North laying rock on the side of the road.

General Public – Brandon Smart

Mr. Smart is in about the road in Olean and why it was not chip and sealed. Commissioner Horstman told Mr. Smart that sometimes back in the day precedence was set by a hand shake. This road is not on the county roadway set by the state. This means that the county does not receive any money for the road. The Commissioners and Attorney John Ertel told Mr. Smart he needs to contact a lawyer.

Veregy -Art Noel

Mr. Noel gave an update on the Courthouse and Jail renovation.

EMS – Jason Smith

Mr. Smith was in to let the Commissioners know that May 2026 the new ambulance will be here.

Mr. Smith stated they are looking for grant money for training material.

Mr. Smith stated that EMS is applying for a lot of grant money right now.

Coroner – Jason Smith

Mr. Smith says that everything is in for the truck. They just need to pick everything up to install it.

EMA – James Coffey

Mr. Coffey came in and gave an update on the EMA office.

Auditor, Amy Copeland, brought up the CVET and FIT monies that we receive from the state and where the Commissioners would like the money to go when we receive it.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to put the CVET money in the Highway Department and FIT in the county general., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve the November 10, 2025 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve the new payroll schedule for the 2026 year., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve the Extension Contractual Service agreement between Purdue University and Ripley County., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

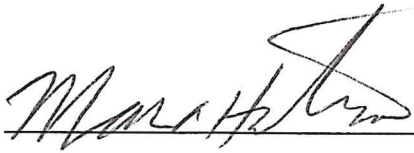
Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the claims and payroll, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the contract to purchase land from Thomas & Skinner for \$89,500.00, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners talked about the trees on the Courthouse lawn. They are thinking 7 trees for the lawn. They want this paid for out of the Belterra property upgrade account. This will be for 4 white oak trees and 3 hard maple.

Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to approve to buy 7 trees for the Courthouse lawn to be paid out of the Belterra Property Upgrade account., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.

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



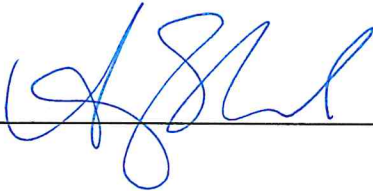
Mark Horstman, President



Jeff Volz



Roger Gullion

Assts: 

Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor