

# Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

## November 8, 2024

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Roll Call

**Present:** Kendall Hankins, Chris Schmaltz, and Amy Copeland, Auditor. Commissioner Mark Horstman and John Ertel, Attorney were absent.

### Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert discussed the filter lay ins for the courthouse. Mr. Herbert brought in some quotes for this. The two quotes are from Hilton Ventilation & Industrial Company for \$7,525.00 and Dunlap for \$9,000.00.

Mr. Herbert asked if the blower could be removed that is in the front doors of the courthouse. They are wanting them removed. They will keep the blower in case it would need to be put back up.

Mr. Herbert stated that the metal for the ac window in the jail will cost \$80.00. The Commissioners have stated to pay for the metal.

### Sheriff – Rob Bradely

The K9 kennel is at Justin Batchelor's house and is needing some wiring done for the winter. They are wanting Craig Herbert to go and look at it.

The Sheriff brought in the new 2025 Southern Health Contract.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the 2025 Southern Health Contract, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz.

Motion passed 2 yes & 1 absent.

### EMS – Scott Huffman

Mr. Huffman came to the Commissioners and gave his resignation letter. He will be leaving on November 15, 2024.

### Veregy – Art Noel & Rick Anderson

Mr. Noel gave an update on the Courthouse renovation.

The Commissioners told Mr. Noel to take all old signage off the walls so painting can be done.

Commissioner Hankins did tell Mr. Noel that he definitely didn't want to have to pay for filter lay ins.

Mr. Anderson was in to talk to the Commissioners one more time about putting solar on the jail roof. Total out of pocket would be \$207,000.00 for the project after saving.

This would be a change order.

### Main Street Versailles – Roxanne Meyers

Ms. Meyer was in about using the Courthouse Square on December 7, 2024 starting at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

### EMA – James Coffey

Mr. Coffey stated that the Strategic Plan had been drafted.

Mr. Coffey stated that the litigation plan is being worked on.

Mr. Coffey is doing the fire 1 & 2 training with the Versailles Fire Department.

### Economic Development – Gary Norman

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the interlocal agreement for 2024 for \$15,000.00, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz.

Motion passed 2 yes & 1 absent.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the interlocal agreement for 2025 for \$130,000.00, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz.  
Motion passed 2 yes & 1 absent.

**Batesville Memorial Public Library – Mark Stenger**

Mr. Stenger came in to introduce himself so he could be appointed to the Library Board.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve Mark Stenger to the Batesville Memorial Public Library, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes & 1 absent.

**Park – Christi Volz**

Ms. Volz was in wanting to use the remainder of her EDIT money the Commissioners give to the Park. This would be \$27,280.00. This would help fix building 10 and building 14 roofs and crack fill, seal & stripe the parking lot at the park. The Commissioner gave her the ok to use the funding.

**Health Insurance – Patti Perry & William Sylvester**

Mr. Perry was in to talk to the Commissioner that St. Elizabeth is going to drop the Imagine Health Network. The Commissioner made the choice to go with EAS Choice, which is allowing members to utilize St. Elizabeth under their new contract.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the EAS Choice for the St. Elizabeth Hospital, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes & 1 absent.

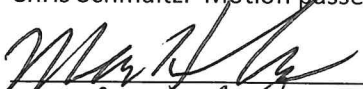
**General Public – John Bunselmeier**

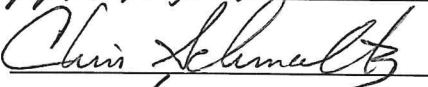
Mr. Bunselmeier is asking for a public records request for plans, permits, and drainage reports.

**Whittingham Agency – April Eversole**


Ms. Eversole is wanting to come in and meet with employees for insurance supplements. The Commissioners told her that she needed to meet with the 3 individuals.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes & 1 absent.

 \_\_\_\_\_ Mark Horstman, President

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Assts:  \_\_\_\_\_ Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor