

# Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

## October 30, 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 brought in the quotes from Plymate and Cintas for the service for cleaning supplies at the Annex and Courthouse.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve Plymate to bring in the cleaning supplies for the Courthouse and Annex, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners stated to send Cintas a certified letter to cancel the service.

Mr. Herbert stated he needs to order 12 new willoughby valves for the jail for \$717.36. The Commissioners stated to order the parts.

Mr. Herbert stated that he has an opening in the Maintenance Department and will start the advertisement for that today.

Mr. Herbert also gave an update on Duke with the parking lot on the North side of the Annex.

Mr. Herbert and Commissioner Schmaltz talked about the bells on the clock tower. Mr. Herbert is trying to get ahold of the company that could fix it.

Mr. Herbert and the Auditor, Amy Copeland, talked to the Commissioners about new chairs in the Commissioner Room. The Commissioners stated to try and get a quote from the office shop.

### Highway – Jason Edwards

Mr. Edwards stated that we have a grader that is leaking oil. Mr. Edwards is wanting to do 28 miles of turn back and get rid of one grader.

Mr. Edwards stated that 2 new employees had started last Monday 10/16/2023.

Mr. Edwards stated that we need to put a new culvert in a driveway on 600 South. This needs to be done so it will quit flooding the road.

Mr. Edwards stated that he is wanting to know if he can do 2 shifts of 4 ten hour days. One shift Monday – Thursday and the other Tuesday – Friday. The Commissioners told Mr. Edwards to figure it out and let them know.

Commissioner Hankins stated that he spoke with a person on 300 West about the berm of the road.

**Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the October 16, 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.

**Veregy – Rick Anderson**

Mr. Anderson came in with Art Noel and Zachary Simms to give an update on the courthouse renovation. This will start mid 2024. The project is underway with ordering materials and getting completed designs done.

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

  
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Mark Horstman, President

  
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Assts:   
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Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor