

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

September 13, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Technology – Becky Cairns

Ms. Cairns was in to ask the Commissioners for \$2,000.00 to help with the networking lines in the courthouse for the renovation. The Commissioners said to pay this out of the Belterra fund, building improvements.

Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert brought in 2 quotes for 10 jail showers to be fixed. DC Premium Flooring LLC quote is for \$19,200.00 and Global Epoxy Plus quote is for \$6,450.00 per shower or \$40,010.00 for all of them.

Mr. Herbert also brought in 3 quotes to remove 4 trees. Hyde Tree Works LLC quote is for \$3,700.00, Derf Tree Service quote is for \$4,000.00, and Arbor Management Associates quote is for \$4,150.00. Arbor Management Associate's quote is for the removal of stumps also.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve Arbor Management Associates quote for \$4,150.00,

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

Motion passed 2 yes and 1 absent.

Sheriff – Rob Bradley

Mr. Bradley brought a form from Fleet Enterprises to give the Sheriff, Rob Bradley and Deputy Chief, Lee Davidson permission to sign cars in and out.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve Sheriff, Rob Bradley and Deputy Chief, Lee Davidson to be signers with Enterprise Fleet Management to sign cars in and out, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins,

Seconded by Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes and 1 absent.

Highway – Jason Edwards

Mr. Edwards stated he got a quote for a flag pole for the highway garage. The cost with Abbott Flags is \$4,335.00.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve a flag pole for \$4,335.00, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes and 1 absent.

Mr. Edwards stated that he had to order a new mower deck for one of the mowers.

Mr. Edwards stated that USI will be meeting next week on the Cave Hill Bridge, bridge #9, to see what can be done before they close it in 2028. Mike Cord talked to the Commissioners about living by the bridge and how it is going to cause a mess for all of the residents that live down there.

Veregy – Art Noel

Mr. Noel was in to give an update on the courthouse renovation.

Mr. Noel brought in change orders for painting the courthouse, drywall installation for the 2nd for courtroom, and for a partial chimney removal. The Commissioners want the Auditor to crunch numbers to see if an additional can be done out of any of the funds.

Area Planning – Tad Brinson

Motion: Commissioner made the motion to rezone Sunman Storage, 8902 E CR 100 N, Sunman, IN 47041, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes and 1 absent.

Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning – Mary McCarty

Ms. McCarty came in to talk about the Comprehensive plan for the county. The cost of this is \$115,000.00. Ms. McCarty was asking for permission for her to apply for a grant at the Rising Sun Regional Foundation.

Main Street Versailles – Holly Wehr

Ms. Wehr has had a lot of residents ask about benches in memory of someone. The Commissioners told Ms. Wehr to get with the Maintenance Supervisor because he was looking at putting benches in also.

Ms. Wehr was wanting to know about the cherry trees that were cut around the courthouse. Commissioner Schmaltz talked to Ms. Wehr about the trees.

Ms. Wehr asked about the tin on the first floor of the courthouse and was not happy that it wasn't preserved.

EMS – Scott Huffman

Mr. Huffman's full time EMT's will start on September 29, 2024.

The EMS is going to look into have the oil changed in their cars at the highway garage.

EMA – James Coffey

Mr. Coffey brought in some information for the Commissioners about a burn ban. Mr. Coffey stated that they consult with the fire departments to make that decision. Mr. Coffey talked to the Commissioners about documentation for a burn ban. It would be helpful for Homeland Security.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the August 30, 2024 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes and 1 absent.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to pay the claims and payroll, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes and 1 absent.

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




Mark Horstman, President



Chris Schmaltz



Kendall Hankins

Assts: 

Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor