

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

September 15, 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 brought in the outside signage and one bathroom sign for a quote of \$3,586.00.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the quote for outside signage and one bathroom sign inside for \$3,586.00, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Herbert stated that American Scaffolding will be here tomorrow to make sure everything is good to go for the tower project. This would start on September 28, 2025.

Mr. Herbert stated that the bathroom doors were left open all weekend at the courthouse. Commissioner Gullion stated that someone needs to sign if they unlocked it and that person would be responsible to lock them back.

Mr. Goodard gave an update on the jail. They are going to be working on the booking room. They talked about the Jail antennas on the roof. Veregy is working on it.

Sheriff – Rob Bradley

Mr. Bradely talked to the Commissioners about the hours the employees are working at 911.

General Public – Bob Hollenbeck

Mr. Hollenbeck came in to tell the Commissioners thank you for helping him with his address that he needed.

911- Kyla Dell

Ms. Dell asked the Commissioners about giving a Civilian award for bravery. The Commissioners gave her permission to purchase the plaque.

Treasurer – Lisa Vestal

Ms. Vestal stated that the Treasurers office has signed up for Positive Pay at the bank.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve authorization for the signature of positive pay, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Coroner – Jason Smith

Mr. Smith brought in 3 quotes for the truck to be a coroner truck.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the quote of \$15,484 to make the old maintenance truck the new coroner truck, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

EMA – James Coffey

Mr. Coffey brought in an update for the EMA department. He also brought in a new copy of the burn ban policy.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the burn ban policy for the county, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Area Planning – Tad Brinson

Mr. Brinson brought in 2 ordinance amendment.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the ordinance amendment. This is amending Section 80, figure 1 requirements, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the ordinance to approve section 81.03, (28)(a) and (d), **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

General Public – Donna Land

Ms. Land came in to talk to the Commissioners about a drainage issue. The address is 8299 N Loop Road, Sunman, IN 47041. The Commissioners told Ms. Land to bring file a drainage complaint in the Auditor's office.

General Public – Larry & Janet Scholle

Mr. & Ms. Scholle came in to talk about getting an address for their farm property that was split. The Commissioners are working on a new ordinance for the address of Ripley County.

Veregy – Art Noel

Mr. Noel was giving an update on the Courthouse and the Jail renovation.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the August 29, 2025 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. 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 AV consulting, section 125 and the way, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

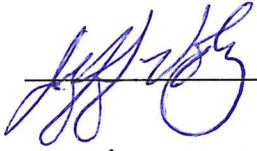
Commissioner Volz said the Area Planning is wanting the Commissioners to look at all the ordinances.

Commissioner Gullion talked about the direct appointments of the Commissioners and letting the Commissioners know when they are gone.

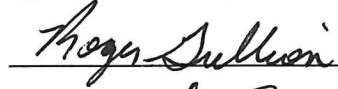
Motion: Commissioner Gullion made the motion to adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Roger Gullion, **Seconded by** Jeff Volz. Motion passed unanimously.



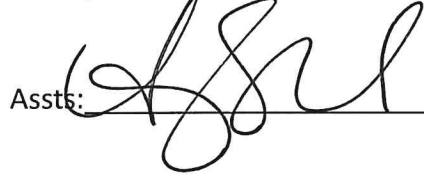
Mark Horstman, President



Jeff Volz



Roger Gullion



Assts:

Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor