

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

September 29, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Commissioner Horstman brought up the Holiday schedule for the 2026.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the Holiday schedule for the 1/2 day the Friday of the pumpkin show. This will also give 24/7 offices a 3 hour holiday pay., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the yearly holiday schedules for the Ripley County., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Jail Maintenance – Micheal Goddard

Mr. Goddard talked to the Commissioners about the antennas on the roof of the jail. Mr. Goddard stated as soon as he had the quote for the antennas he would send them to the Commissioners.

Health Department – Tara Briggs

Ms. Briggs brought in 3 quotes for the EMS parking lot across the street.

The Commissioners talked about the parking lot and specs that they want for it. They think they need to leave the stumps and cover with gravel.

We will haul our own gravel and the county highway will spread the gravel.

We will requote the project for tree removal, ready for gravel, remove all brush and cut trees at ground level.

Highway – Jason Edwards

Mr. Edwards stated that the chip and seal is done in the county.

Mr. Edwards stated that the oil bid is going to roll over to 2026.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the oil bid to be rolled over to the 2026 year, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Volz rescinded the motion to approve the oil bid to be rolled over to the 2026 year, **Action:** Amend, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Edwards stated that the Cave Hill Bridge is still underway to get started.

Mr. Edwards brought in the USI contract for the Commissioners to look at and give the ok to send to the state.

Commissioner Gullion stated that the Stop sign at 575 E and 900 S was ran over this weekend.

The Commissioners talked about the stone bid.

Mr. Edwards stated he has done more research on the road/driveway in Olean. Mr. Edwards stated that the county has no jurisdiction on that road. The county is not changing anything and will not be maintaining it.

Veregy – Art Noel

Mr. Noel gave an update on the courthouse and jail.

1 Voice – Aaron Spaulding

Mr. Spaulding is in to talk to the Commissioners about beds for a house that is going to be open.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to put in an appropriation for \$3,005.00 for 1Voice out of the unrestricted Opioid Fund and to pay that out to 1Voice if approved., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Court Services – Shannon Schmaltz

Mr. Schmaltz brought in an agreement for a preorder for a van that court services will be getting.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to sign the agreement for a preorder for a van that court services will be getting, the cost of this van is \$51,046.25., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public – Rick Stevens

Mr. Stevens asked about a church on 129 N about the women's center.

Mr. Stevens asked if the contracts were done for the Fairgrounds.

Mr. Stevens asked if the building inspector could come look at the buildings at the park that are not safe.

Commissioner Horstman stated that these issues are with the Park Board.

Commissioner Volz asked about the trees at the courthouse. Commissioner Horstman stated that Commissioner Volz will get with Maintenance to get some quotes for the trees to be purchased and planted.

Commissioner Volz asked about the Animal Control Officer for the county. Commissioner Gullion was on the committee and stated that the council was going to have to decide whether they were going to fund it before anything else went on.

Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the September 15, 2025 Special meeting, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. Motion passed unanimously.


Motion: Commissioner Volz made the motion to approve the September 15, 2025 meeting, **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 the new ordinance to charge \$10.00 a parcel for transfer on death deeds, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeff Volz, **Seconded by** Roger Gullion. 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