

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

December 13, 2021

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mark Horstman, President, Chris Schmaltz, Kendall Hankins, Amy Copeland, Auditor & John Ertel, County Attorney.

Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert came in with a proposal from Duke to change all the lights to LED. Duke states we are up for an incentive on the Annex building.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to have Duke change all the lights in the Annex to LED. The cost is \$11,988.52. , **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hankins stated that Kim Johnson, cleaning person in courthouse, called regarding a boot cleaner for the courthouse. The Sheriff stated to take one of the two boot cleaners that are outside for the courthouse.

Ripley County Tourism – Terri Trowbridge

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to reappoint Anita Fledderman and Megan Gray to the Ripley County Tourism Bureau for a 2 year term, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff – Jeff Cumberworth

Sheriff Cumberworth was in with an update on the jail. The storms took out the control board at the jail. Sheriff Cumberworth stated that one of the jailers fixed the control board.

Sheriff Cumberworth stated that they have a brown car that is no longer in use. Sheriff Cumberworth would like to give Milan School the brown car for a \$1.00. The Commissioners are in agreement to give Milan School the brown car for a \$1.00.

Sheriff Cumberworth stated that he has 4 heating/cooling units on the jail roof that need to be replaced. They are \$35,000.00 each. This will help the air quality in the building.

Sheriff Cumberworth asked to put two blinds up in the courthouse so the security officers are not being blinded.

Highway – Ray Toops

Mr. Toops stated that the Gradall has been received.

Mr. Toops stated he met with Jeff French about county road 25 South. They are putting in a bike trail from the covered bridge to Versailles coming up the hill on 25 South. The Commissioners had a long talk about the painted line on the road. Mr. Toops stated that he would get with Roxanne Meyer to get some questions answered. The Commissioners asked to have Ms. Meyer come to the next Commissioner Meeting.

The Commissioners brought up a problem with a road in Morris. They stated that there is going to have to be some title work done on the project.

Mr. Toops stated that $\frac{3}{4}$ of Mulberry Street in Batesville is taken care of by the county and $\frac{1}{4}$ of it is taken care of by the City of Batesville. The Commissioners would like for the Mayor of Batesville to come in and discuss the matter in a public meeting.

Mr. Toops stated that the Sunman Fire Chief was not happy with the county's response time to the flood waters. The Sunman Fire is wanting to get some signs for high water to have on hand. Mr. Toops stated they have permanent high water signs up until someone can get there with road signs.

Commissioner Schmaltz asked about the parts room at the highway garage. The Commissioners would like that room cleaned by the first of the year.

Commissioner Hankins is wanting to get the highway garage some nicer looking vehicles to drive.

2022 Highway Bids

Asphalt Bids: Globe Asphalt Paving Co., Inc, Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc, Rowe's Asphalt Paving, Paul H Rohe Co., Inc, Asphalt Materials, Inc, Marathon Petroleum Company, Ez Street Asphalt Company, Hot Mix, Inc

Stone Bids: New Point Stone Co., Inc, Hanson Aggregates Midwest, US Aggregates

Bridge/Culvert Bids: E & H Bridge & Grating, Inc, E3 Bridge

Fuel/Gas Bids: Laughery Valley Ag

The Commissioners have taken all bids under advisement.

Encore – Brad Samples

Mr. Samples brought in renewals for the year 2022.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to go with EMC Insurance. The vehicles will have a \$1,000.00 deductible and the county property with a \$5,000.00 deductible, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

EMS – Scott Huffman

Mr. Huffman wants the \$19,000.00 that Margaret Mary Hospital is going to pay the county in 2022 to be disbursed in a monthly basis.

Mr. Huffman stated they are just waiting on the final building permit to get started on the remodel.

Mr. Huffman has a \$20,000.00 grant check from Rising Sun Regional Foundation. This is for improvements on the EMS building in Versailles.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to supply \$35,000.00 for the remodel of the EMS building in Versailles, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Redistricting

The Commissioners discussed redistricting the districts for County Council.

District 1 – Laughery Township, Adams 1 Precinct and Adams 2 Precinct

District 2 – Washington Township, Franklin Township, and Adams 3 Precinct

District 3 – Center Township, Delaware Township, Jackson Township, and Otter Creek Township

District 4 – Shelby Township, Johnson Township and Brown Township

The Commissioners discussed redistricting the districts for County Commissioners.

District 1 – Adams Township, Delaware Township, Franklin 1 Precinct, Laughery Township and Jackson Township.

District 2 – Center Township, Franklin 2 Precinct, Johnson Township, Otter Creek Township, and Washington 2 Precinct.

District 3 – Brown Township, Shelby Township, and Washington 1 Precinct.

Attorney Ertel will be doing a new certified ordinance for the new districts for County Council and County Commissioners in Ripley County.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the minutes from November 29, 2021, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to reappoint Harry Mitchell and appoint Jennifer Miller to the Area Planning Board, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to appoint Jared Meinders to the Health Department Board, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the claims and payroll, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

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

 _____ Mark Horstman, President

 _____ Chris Schmaltz

 _____ Kendall Hankins

Assts:  _____ Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor