

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

December 27, 2022

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Maintenance - Craig Herbert

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the 1 year agreement with Dunlap for the Annex and Courthouse, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the 2 year agreement with Dunlap for the Jail, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve a 3 year contract for the generators at Annex, EMS Milan and Versailles, Jail, and WRBI Tower with GenSet Service, LLC, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners did offer Mr. Herbert the Maintenance Supervisor job that will start in the county on January 1, 2023.

Highway – Ray Toops

Mr. Toops stated if we would not of had a vplow and the graders, we would not have gotten through the snow drifts. Mr. Toops gave the Commissioners a list of roads the Highway would like to turn in for the Community Crossing Matching Grant. This does not mean these will be the roads that will be done. It is just a tentative list.

Mr. Toops brought in the unofficial route for State Road 350 closure out of Osgood. This unofficial detour will utilize North Baseline Road, County Road 600 North and North Finks Road.

Mr. Toops almost has the unofficial detour estimate to fix the roads from the Napoleon State Road 421 closure.

Motion: Commissioners Schmaltz made the motion to approve the unofficial detour with the State Road 350 closure. That detour is North Baseline Road, County Road 600 North and North Finks Road. , **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Toops stated that his last day is January 31, 2023.

Mr. Toops stated that the highway is only down one truck driver.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve all bidders for asphalt FOB. The bidders are Paul H Rohe, Inc, Hot Mix, Inc, and Dave O'Mara. Flynn Brother Inc was declined due to no bid/form 95-96., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve E3 Bridge as a bridge and culverts bidder. E & H Bridge was declined due to no bid/form 95-96., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve Asphalt Materials for all RS2 purchases.

Marathon was declined due to no bid/form 95-96., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve all bidders for stone. The bidders are Hanson Aggregate and New Point Stone, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

911 – Leah Hildebrand

Ms. Hildebrand was in with a request from the Commissioners to be switched from exempt to nonexempt. The Commissioners will extend to Ms. Hildebrand's compensation time to go over the 80 hours until June 30, 2023.

The 911 employees have drafted a letter to give to council.
Mr. Randall Benjamin sent a resignation letter to the Commissioners.

Veregy – Rick Anderson

Mr. Anderson came in with a presentation for the Ripley County Guaranteed Energy Savings Project.
Mr. Anderson will be coming to the Council meeting on January 17, 2023.

Court Services – Shannon Schmaltz

Mr. Schmaltz came in to talk to the Commissioners about the opioid money that the county got. Mr. Schmaltz is wanting to use the funding for a peer recovery program. Mr. Schmaltz is wanting 58.5% of the funding which is \$65,000.00. The Commissioners did discuss the funding with Mr. Schmaltz.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to give approval for the 58.5% of the funding which is \$65,000.00 for one year in 2023. , **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made a motion to approve Craig Herbert for the Maintenance Supervisor. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the December 12, 2022 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the Cardinal Pest Control contract, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

_____ Mark Horstman, President

_____ Chris Schmaltz

_____ Kendall Hankins

Assts: _____ Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor

