

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

December 28, 2021

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Maintenance – Craig Herbert & EMA – Randy Miller

Mr. Herbert stated that the Poole Group came in to inspect the 2nd floor of the courthouse. The Poole Group stated that the 2nd floor just needs to be monitored due to a remodel.

Mr. Herbert stated that the faucet went out in the 1st floor of the woman's bathroom. The two quotes for a replacement are Granger \$459.66 and Webstaurant \$292.49. The Commissioners stated to replace it with Westaurants price.

Mr. Miller brought in some prices for LED lighting in the EMA offices. Mr. Herbert found 2 quotes, Halcomb's \$6,000.00 and Hoeing \$3,800.00. The Commissioners stated to get the lights for Hoeing and to do an encumbrance and pay out of Belterra building repairs.

Mr. Miller also stated that the EMA is needing a toilet replaced. The Commissioners stated that Mr. Herbert can replace the toilet.

Mr. Miller is going to talk to the Fire Chief Association about getting calls out about trees down or flooding. Sunman Fire thinks that the county should be called out for this matter.

Highway – Ray Toops / Town of Versailles, Main Street Versailles, & Jeff French – Bike Trail

Mr. Toops stated that the contactor did an excellent job on the culvert. The road is scheduled to get chip and sealed in May of 2022. They are wanting the strip 4 feet from the right hand side. The distance of the strip will be 1,700 feet on the North side. The Commissioners are ok to strip this after the chip and seal is done. The Commissioners are wanting an interlocal agreement if the Town of Versailles is going to take care of the stripping just for the bike trail.

Commissioner Hankins states we need to try and put it in the Community Crossing Grant. Ms. Meyer stated that we may need to strip it now and they would be willing to strip it again after the paving from the Community Crossing Grant, if we would get the grant. Commissioner Schmaltz stated let them go ahead and strip it until we find out what will happen with the Community Crossing Grant. Attorney Ertel is going to write an interlocal agreement of the stripping.

Highway – Ray Toops / Mayor of Batesville – Mike Bettice

Mr. Bettice is in and wants to repave Mulberry starting at Central Avenue and going 1,955 feet South. Mr. Bettice is stating that from Volz Street down the county is responsible. Mr. Bettice is wanting the City of Batesville to be able to pave this section of road. Commissioner Hankins is wanting the City of Batesville to take over from Township Line road to the dead end of Tekulve Avenue going to the Northeast. The Commissioners are wanting Mike Bettice, Ray Toops and Tim Macyauski to get together and see what they can come up with for the best interest of the county and the city.

Highway – Ray Toops

Bids for 2022

The Commissioner stated they think we can wait a month to make a decision on gas/fuel. Will relook at the bids at a later date.

Crushed Stone: Accept bids from Newpoint Stone, US Aggregate & Hanson Aggregates Midwest.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to accept all bids for stone, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Asphalt Emulsion County Storage Tanks: Accept bids from Marathon & Asphalt Materials.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to accept bids from Marathon & Asphalt Materials, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Asphalt Laid: Accept bids from All Star Paving, Dave O'Mara, Globe, & Paul Rohe.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to accept Dave O'Mara's bid for asphalt laid, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Asphalt FOB: Accept bids from Dave O'Mara, Globe, Paul Rohe, EZ Street Asphalt & Hot Mix, Inc.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to accept all bids, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Bridge & Rail, Pipe & Culvert: Accept bids from E3 Bridge & E & H Bridge & Grating.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to accept all bids, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hankins asked about the highway garage inventory. Mr. Toops stated that it is in good shape. Mr. Toops and Auditor Copeland talked about 1176 and 1173 funds and their balances. The Commissioners and Mr. Toops talked about the bike trails.

***Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the ordinance revising and certifying Commissioner Districts and Council Districts following the 2020 census, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the minutes from December 13, 2021, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve claims and payroll, **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 2022 agreement, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve Ronald J Decker to the Ripley County Public Defender Board, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. 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