

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

February 17, 2023

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mark Horstman, President, Commissioner Chris Schmaltz, Danielle McGee, Deputy Auditor & John Ertel, County Attorney. Commissioner Kendall Hankins was absent.

Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert mentioned that Cintas was in to work on fire panel system. Mr. Herbert mentioned that he has four Interviews set up for next Wednesday, February 22, 2023 for the open maintenance position.

Technology – Becky Cairns

Mrs. Cairns was in with a quote for key fobs for the building. The quote is for 100 key fobs for \$483.00. The Commissioners approved for Mrs. Cairns to purchase the key fobs.

Tourism – Terri Trowbridge

Ms. Trowbridge was in for the Commissioners to reappoint Garrett McAdams for the Board. Ms. Trowbridge mentioned that Jackie Denni stepped down and they have nominated Victoria Miller to replace her. **Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the appointments, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Commissioner Horstman. Motion passed unanimously.

Veregy – Rick Anderson

Mr. Anderson was in with the updated schedule for the Courthouse project. Veregy is working with the Town of Versailles on the process to get the Courthouse clock working again.

Sheriff – Rob Bradley

Sheriff Bradley would like to sell the 2017 Ford Explore SUV to the Career Center for \$1.00.

Sheriff Bradley stated that he sold a 2016 Charger on the county auction for \$1,550.00.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to sell the vehicle to the Career Center for \$1. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Commissioner Horstman. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Horstman mentioned a landowner, Linda Doll, in Sunman called dispatch regarding a nuisance dog of their neighbor. The landowner is planning on filing a complaint. Sheriff Bradley mentioned that he has 8 applicants for his open positions.

Highway – Jason Edwards

Mr. Edwards mentioned he had the CPR training and that everyone is certified except one employee. Mr. Edwards stated that the Spades Rd detour is 12 ft at the overpass and the County has put up signs with height restrictions. Mr. Edwards stated that the State has the Highway 350 detour going up 25 W. Mr. Edwards mentioned that he would like for the State to use Finks Road up to 600 then down to Base Road as a detour instead. Commissioner Horstman recommended that the County put an ordinance in place as a temporary

situation for semis to stay off the county roads or they will be sighted. Mr. Edwards stated that they are getting ready to fix the bridge on 900 W. Mr. Edwards mentioned that starting on March 13th, they will be going back to working four 10-hour days.

Mr. Edwards brought in 2 quotes from MTE on the snow plows. The one quote is for the wedge plows for \$47,000 and the quote for straight plows is \$37,600. Mr. Edwards would like to go with the straight plows. Mr. Edwards stated they have a solution for the mower guys. The mower guys will drive to the shop and then use the 2 older county trucks to take to the tractor locations. Mr. Edwards mentioned that they will need to replace the culvert on 300 W. as the Napoleon Stone trucks are tearing it up. Mr. Edwards suggested that they may need to put a weight limit on the culvert. Mr. Edward stated that the shop inventory will be completed by March 6th. Commissioner Horstman got a call from John Bunselmeier and his bridge got washed away off of Highway 350. Mr. Bunselmeier blames the Town of Osgood due to their storm drains. Mr. Edwards mentioned at the end of Finks Road, the Town of Osgood would like to put in a bike route. Mr. Edwards mentioned that the Pacer Certification server is down at the State. Mr. Edwards stated that they are paying double when ordering parts off of a vendor and is actually cheaper online. Mr. Edwards is looking at possibly getting a credit card for the Highway Department. Commissioner Horstman brought up the extension of West Street in Morris. Commissioner Horstman had spoken to Rob Seig and he wants to bond it. Mr. Edwards mentioned that the Highway 350 project starts on March 20th.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the February 17, 2023 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Commissioner Horstman. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

 Mark Horstman, President

 Chris Schmaltz

 Kendall Hankins

Assts:  Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor