

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

February 07, 2021

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert brought in two bids. One for a poly snow blade for the skid steer for \$296.00 and a poly cutting edge 90" snow blade for \$5,796.00.

The Commissioners told Mr. Herbert to purchase the poly snow blade for \$296.00.

Mr. Herbert brought in 2 bids for a snow blade for the new maintenance truck. Midstate Truck Equipment bids for a 7'6" blade \$6,355.00, 8' blade \$6,540.00 and Tillman bid is for 8'10" for \$7,825.00.

The Commissioners have made the decision to wait for the truck to come in.

Holton Water Company – Michelle Demaree

The Holton Water Company is presenting 3 projects to the Commissioners for maybe receiving some ARP money. The Holton Water Company supplies water to 950 households. This would include valves, a line extension, and a creek crossing. The project total estimated cost is \$186,700.00. The Holton Water Company has put a rate increase in this month.

Commissioner Hankins is not in favor of a line extension. He is more in favor of fixing the existing lines.

The Commissioners would like to wait to decide when all three of them are at the meeting.

Sheriff – Jeff Cumberworth

Mr. Cumberworth stated that the sheriff's department purchased a Kubota. The sheriff purchased this with commissary money. Mr. Cumberworth is wanting to sell the old one on the county online auction.

Mr. Cumberworth asked if there could be more days added to our sick day carry over.

Highway – Ray Toops

Mr. Toops stated the ice has been tough. Mr. Toops stated the truck that was in the accident has been delivered to Kenworth to go over the damage. This will take 1-2 weeks to see if it is totaled. The Ripley County employee is back to work and is doing ok. He did help with this last ice/snow. Commissioner Schmaltz wants to make sure all Commissioners are called when an accident happens at the county garage.

Mr. Toops stated that the Community Crossing Matching Grant was submitted on January 27, 2022.

Commissioner Schmaltz is wanting an inventory list of what is at the county garage.

Commissioner Hankins stated he has had a couple people ask about stripping Michigan Road. The amount of money to do this is \$6,000.00 a mile. This has not been done due to it is going to be chip and sealed in 2 years.

Commissioner Hankins stated that he didn't know that they had an employee quit and a job opening come up.

Commissioner Hankins wants Mr. Toops to make sure he notifies the Commissioners when someone quits.

Commissioner Hankins wants Mr. Toops to also notify the Commissioners when a big purchase is made.

A question concerning could an employee of the county working part time in another department was raised and

Commissioner Hankins stated that even working in two different offices of Ripley County, it is all Ripley County so if they go over 40 hours then overtime would fall on 1 of the 2 departments.

Court Services – Shannon Schmaltz

Mr. Schmaltz asked about the health insurance for the upcoming June and when the last time they entertained bids.

Apex/Health Insurance Broker – Patti Perry and Bill Sylvester

The health insurance Ripley County has is being discussed. There are employees that are having issues with it and some that say they have no issues.

Ms. Perry and Mr. Sylvester came in with an overview of the counties health insurance and cost.

Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning – Jodi Comer

Ms. Comer was in for a 2nd public hearing for the COVID Economic Recovery Grant.

A sign in sheet was signed of all attendees.

Johnson/Melloh – Rick Anderson

Motion: Commissioner made the motion to go forward with the RFQ for Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the January 24, 2022 meeting minutes, **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 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