

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

January 10, 2022

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Commissioner Schmaltz nominated Mark Horstman, but Commissioner Hankins thinks it needs to be rotated.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to nominate Commissioner Horstman as President of the Commissioner Board for the year of 2022, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

2022 Commissioner Appointments

County Attorney – Mr. John Ertel

Maintenance – Mr. Craig Herbert

Housekeeping – Ms. Kim Johnson (Courthouse)

Ms. Theresa G Swinney (Annex)

Building Inspector – Mr. Dwight Bauman

Technology Director – Ms. Rebecca Cairns

EMA Director – Mr. Randy Miller

Veterans Service Officer – Mr. Ken Hylton

Animal Control – Mr. Perry Hardy

EMS Director – Mr. Scott Huffman

Highway Superintendent – Ray Toops

Highway Foreman North – Meredith Huntington

Highway Foreman South – Dennis McLaughlin

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to make the 2022 Commissioner appointments the same as 2021,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to keep the boards that all Commissioners sit on the same as 2021,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Maintenance – Craig Herbert & EMA – Randy Miller

Mr. Herbert stated that he is going to have the mower serviced before mowing season starts. Mr. Herbert stated that he would be taking it to Dave's Mower Shop.

Extension Office – Dave Osborne

Mr. Osborne stated that his office manager is still on a vent. He is needing to hire someone full time.

The Commissioners told him to advertise for a part time position.

Area Planning – Tad Brinson

Mr. Brinson brought in a rezone. Mr. Brinson is needing a rezone of a property in Rexville.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to rezone Mr. and Mrs. Conover property in Rexville from R-2 residential to A-2 agricultural, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Brinson stated that Canaan Utilities is wanting some assistance with updating the water system. They are wanting to put a generator on the main pump. Canaan Utilities has no intention of expanding, Mr. Brinson stated. Mr. Brinson stated that Jefferson County is putting forth an estimated \$300,000.00. Mr. Brinson is going to get more information and bring back to the commissioners at the next meeting.

SE Indiana Water System – Thomas Crowe

Mr. Crowe stated that when he purchased the property at 421 and 50. When the roads were made into a T instead of a Y the state no longer maintains the road. Mr. Crowe stated that he has been in contact with the state. The Commissioners stated they have no right as of right now to the road, but for Mr. Crowe to get into contact with Randy Frye or INDOT in Seymour.

Highway – Ray Toops

Mr. Toops stated that they had to reimburse INDOT \$438.52 for the Community Crossing Matching Grant. Mr. Toops stated that he sent an email out about the bill for USI services they provide for the Community Crossing Matching Grant. The amount of the service is not to exceed \$12,000.00.

Commissioner Hankins asked if the work is already done for the grant. Mr. Hankins wanted to know how far along the grant process was going. Mr. Toops stated that a week to 10 days before the grant will be done.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to pay the \$12,000.00 to USI for the Community Crossing Matching Grant, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Toops stated that USI sent an on call contract.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins moved to approve the on call contract with USI, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Toops also brought up the bike trail at the Versailles State Park. Mr. Toops stated they are not going to be able to widen 25 South. Mr. Toops is going to call Mrs. Meyer to let her know what the counties intentions are.

The Commissioners are wanting Mr. Toops to put 25 South in the Community Crossing Matching Grant to be paved.

Commissioner Hankins stated that he got the fuel records, but wants it on a reconciliation worksheet.

Mr. Toops stated that Mr. Pat Kissell, highway garage maintenance, is looking into a new truck for the county garage.

Mr. Toops also stated that Mr. Pat Kissell is looking into buying a new tire changer for the county garage.

Holiday Pay

Discussion on the difference of holiday pay from the handbook and the May 26, 2018 Commissioner Meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion that holiday pay will be paid out hour for hours worked, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner made the motion to pay employees holiday pay for a day off for the hours that are normally worked in a shift, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve December 28, 2021 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Health Insurance

Commissioners talked about the county health insurance and different ideas that we can do as a county.

Motion: Commissioner made the motion to approve Attorney John Ertel contract for 2022, **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.



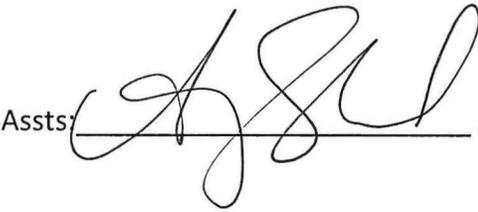
Mark Horstman, President



Chris Schmaltz



Kendall Hankins



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