

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

January 23, 2023

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert was in with GenSet quotes for the generator at the Annex building. There are two quotes one for 300kw for \$298,038.91 and one for 450kw for \$319,440.96. The Commissioners are tabling the generator due to not spending that much money at the beginning of the year, they told Mr. Herbert to bring in quotes again in July.

Mr. Herbert brought in a quote from Dunlap for a 2 ton back up AC unit for \$6,050.00.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to accept Dunlap's quote of \$6,050.00, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners told Mr. Herbert to do the interviews for the maintenance position that is open in his department.

Highway – Ray Toops

Mr. Toops came in to his last Commissioners meeting.

Mr. Toops stated that Forest Construction oversees highway 350 construction are tentatively going to start February 20, 2023.

Mr. Toops stated they had to change some road names that were incorrect on the map. The Community Crossing Matching Grant will be submitted tomorrow January 24, 2023.

The Commissioners stated they appreciated Mr. Toops years of service with Ripley County.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to appoint Jason Edwards as the new Highway Superintendent, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

They have asked him to start on January 30, 2023.

Treasurer – Lisa Vestal

Ms. Vestal was in with the Board of Finance report for the Commissioners.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the Board of Finance, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Health Board – Jason Smith

Mr. Smith was in with 4 reappointments for the Health Board, Suzanne Martini, Jerrad Meiners, Cynthia Lauber, and Donna Pitts.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to reappoint Suzanne Martini, Jerrad Meinders, Cynthia Lauber and Donna Pitts to the Health Board, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Health Insurance – Patti Perry & Bill Sylvester

Ms. Perry came in and gave a health insurance review. Ms. Perry talked to the Commissioners about the renewal coming up in May/June.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve to execute at the first available time for RxCompass through Southern Scripts, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the January 09, 2023 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the January 19, 2023 Executive Session meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. 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.

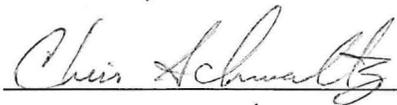
Prosecutor – Ric Hertel

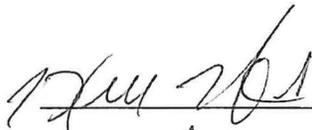
Mr. Hertel was in for a request for the pretrial diversion fund. Mr. Hertel bought a gun for former Sheriff Cumberworth and former Chief Deputy Enneking. Mr. Hertel is wanting to give the guns to the individuals for their years of service.

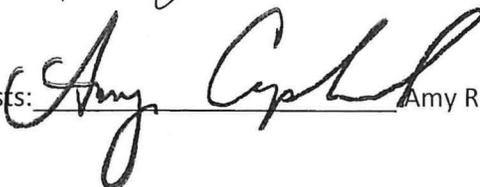
Motion: Commissioners Hankins made the motion for the guns to go to former Sheriff Cumberworth and former Chief Deputy Enneking, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Ass'ts:  _____ Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor