

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

July 11, 2022

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mark Horstman, President, Chris Schmaltz, Kendall Hankins, Danielle McGee, 1st Deputy & John Ertel, County Attorney.

Maintenance - Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert stated that Tyler Bond will fix the shingles and ridge cap at the courthouse for \$150.00. Commissioners approved for Tyler Bond to fix the roof.

Mr. Herbert stated that the AC unit went out at the jail. The quote from Dunlap is for \$7,964.00 for a new unit this does include a new furnace. The Commissioners want it paid out of the Cum Cap funds.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion for Dunlap to put the new AC/furnace in the jail **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Economic Development - Gary Norman

Mr. Norman brought in an Inter-local agreement from 2022 & 2023.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to sign the 2022 inter-local agreement **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners suggested that Mr. Norman get on the budget agenda, he stated that he did for 8/17/2022 at 1pm.

Safe Haven Baby Box - Randy Frye; Karen Erlewein & Mary Beth Boone

Ms. Erlewein would like to dedicate the baby box in memorial of her son that was killed in a motorcycle accident recently. Ms. Boone mentioned they have done plaques in honor of someone or benches. Ms. Erlewein will raise funds to have a bench made to be located at the Versailles location. Commissioners have approved to have a bench.

John Ertel had concerns/questions with regards to the language in the contract for the baby boxes. Save Haven Baby Box funding is \$20,000 combined in donations for both Versailles & Milan locations. Sunman Town board approved to have a baby box in the town that will be located in a private building. They received a donation of \$11,000.

Highway - Ray Toops

Mr. Toops stated they have completed 26 miles of chip-n-seal.

Mr. Toops also stated that the old Gradall is gone and payment accepted.

Mr. Toops stated the CCMG application process has been opened on July 1, 2022.

Mr. Toops would like to apply for the grant again. The grant application process ends 8/31/22. The Commissioners do not think they should put in for the grant, but they should use the money left from matching portion to chip and seal.

General Public - Duane Swingle

Mr. Swingle was in regarding County Road 600 East. The Commissioners are going to chip and seal to the driveway of the Swingle's. The Commissioners will then put a sign up that states travel at your own risk.

Bid Openings

The Commissioners received 2 highway bids - one from Rohe and one from Dave O'Mara.

Dave O'Mara gave a total project cost of \$769,250.00.

Rohe did not have a "total" cost for the project.

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

EMS – Scott Huffman

Mr. Huffman was in about the Safe Haven Baby Boxes going into the EMS stations. One in Milan EMS and one in Versailles EMS. Mr. Huffman stated that EMS is excited to have them in their buildings.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the June 27, 2022 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Hoosier Hills Regional Water

Hoosier Hills was in asking for ARP funding for new water lines, gas scrubber, and new water tower.

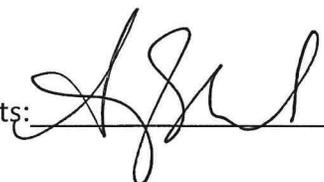
Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to commit \$327,955.00 from the ARP funding, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

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