

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

July 24, 2023

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert is waiting on quote for the circulating pump in the Annex. Mr. Herbert stated that the parts should be around \$400 for the parts, but not sure how much the labor will be. The Commissioners have approved for Mr. Herbert to move forward with the pump as long as it is around \$1,000. Mr. Herbert is also waiting on a quote for four smoke detectors for the jail. The price should be \$520 for all four. Mr. Herbert stated that the generator company came Friday to put the new board in and a relay is out of it now, but GenSet will be in to fix it today.

Commissioner Horstman asked Mr. Herbert about buying some Lysol wipes for the courthouse. Mr. Herbert stated that that he is trying to stay within the budget and not over spend on unnecessary product.

911/Communications - Leah Hildebrand & Lee Kissell

Ms. Hildebrand discussed the electrical part of tower. J & L electric quote is for \$8,360.00. Ms. Hildebrand will get a quote from GenSet. Ms. Hildebrand stated that the towers are up. They just need to put a fence up at the Versailles location. Ms. Hildebrand stated that Napoleon did not want that type of fence around the firehouse. Instead, they wanted anti-climb fence. This puts them \$35K under budget.

Ms. Hildebrand also asked about putting an alarm on the refrigerator for the vaccines.

Veregy - Rick Anderson

Mr. Anderson was in to give an update on the courthouse renovation. Mr. Anderson mentioned they looked at taking off the bathrooms and windows to cut out \$750,000. The Commissioners discussed this and the Commissioners support Veregy with moving forward with the Courthouse Renovation Project. The Council will have to either fund it or turn it down.

Midwest Data – Ramzi Nuseibeh

Mr. Nuseibeh mentioned the bid he turned in. Mr. Nuseibeh gave the things that have been accomplished since they have come to Ripley County.

Commissioners want to discuss the 2 bids they have received at the August 7th Commissioners' meeting at 3pm.

Sheriff – Rob Bradley

Sheriff Bradley said they are ready for the Ripley County Fair. Sheriff Bradley mentioned that they pressure washed the hallway to cell blocks out and will clean kitchen on Friday. Jail inspections are on August 15th.

EMS - Scott Huffman

Mr. Huffman brought up the baby box and is getting questions from the public on the signage. Commissioner Horstman mentioned to reach out to the state to see if they can help pay for it. The Commissioners told Mr. Huffman to reach out to Mary Beth Boone.

Commissioner Horstman reached out to Tad Brinson, Director of Area & Planning, regarding solar ordinance with regards to a timeline. Mr. Brinson had forwarded the request to an attorney.

Commissioner Horstman mentioned that per an Area/Planning board member, that it is Mr. Brinson's job to create the timeline.

The Commissioners discussed the solar panel ordinance that is coming up on 8/1/2023 at the planning meeting. Mr. Voegelé and Mr. Kurtz talked on their stand on the solar farms.

Town of Versailles – Holly Wehr

Ms. Wehr came in regarding the EV Charging stations. The Town of Versailles received approval, but the site plan in front of the Annex building is too expensive. Options are to put the transformer on our side of the road instead of the Legion side or move it to the backside of the Annex. The Commissioners are leaning toward putting it on the backside of the Annex building. Commissioner Horstman suggested that Mr. Craig Herbert reach out to a contractor to ensure the contracting of the parking spaces are done appropriately. Commissioners are okay with Ms. Wehr to continue conversations with Duke.

Highway – Jason Edwards

Mr. Edwards mentioned remodeling will be done in the office this week. Mr. Edward mentioned that Dave O'Mara will start repairs on 1250 N.

Commissioner Horstman received a call regarding 600 N. Commissioner Horstman asked Mr. Edwards to add 600 N to the chip and seal list.

Mr. Edwards updated other 2 commissioners that were not at the council meeting that the council declined his pay for performance request.

Commissioners approved for Mr. Edward to purchase a new bridge truck and sell the old one. The quote from Hubler Chevrolet is for a 2024 Chevy Silverado 3500 Crew Cab for \$70,880.00

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the July 10, 2023 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes, 1 abstain.

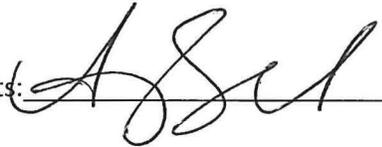
Motion: Commissioner Kendall Hankins made the motion to approve claims and payroll, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Mark Horstman, President


Chris Schmaltz


Kendall Hankins

Assts:  Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor