

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

July 25, 2022

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 told the Commissioners that the trees have been trimmed.

Mr. Herbert also told the Commissioners that the AC has been fixed at the jail.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the July 11, 2022 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.

Commissioner Discussion

The Commissioners discussed the Community Crossing Matching grant for the highway.

Commissioner Schmaltz brought up applying for a grant to fix the bell in the courthouse.

Commissioner Hankins talked about the EHS – Septic System employee and if there were problems with getting septic permits.

The Commissioners discussed Morris West Street in Morris, Indiana.

Highway – Ray Toops

Mr. Toops talked about the Community Crossing Matching Grant. The Commissioners' recommendation is for the highway garage to withdrawal from the grant. The Commissioners stated we would reapply again in January 2023.

Mr. Toops stated that the garage needs a formal letter to withdrawal from the grant.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to withdrawal from the Community Crossing Matching Grant for the year of 2022, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Toops stated that Mert Huntington's crew is going to start chip and sealing in the northern part of the county.

Mr. Toops stated that the county only maintains approximately 180 feet of Morris West Street.

Commissioner Horstman received a call from Shirley Eaton to put a stop sign on 350 West and 1050 North.

Commissioner Horstman stated that he told Ms. Eaton that someone really needs to come to a commissioners' meeting to discuss this. Mr. Toops stated that he would go out there and check the situation out.

Veregy – Rick Anderson

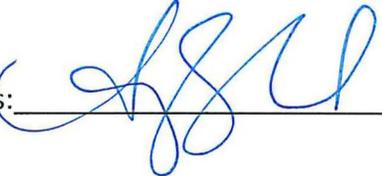
Mr. Anderson was in to give an update on what is going on with the courthouse renovation. The architect for the building, Scott Carneige, was introduced to the Commissioners. Mr. Carneige stated it will be at least 2 months before we will hear back from anyone.

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