

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

June 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 asked if it was ok for the maintenance department to go help with painting at the highway garage. Commissioner Horstman stated we should ask probation. The Commissioners stated that they paint they will pay for new flooring for the highway.

Mr. Herbert stated that the beginning of next year they would like to purchase a new leaf blower and weed eater. The Commissioners stated they would like for him to go ahead and purchase what he needs, and to not exceed \$2,000.00.

Nationwide Deferred Comp, Hoosier Start – Patrick Ballard

Mr. Ballard stated they have set up the Roth in the deferred comp program. Mr. Ballard educated the Commissioners with the information from Nationwide. The Commissioners stated for Mr. Ballard to get into contact with the Auditor, Amy Copeland.

911 – Leah Hildebrand & Jon Phillips

Mr. Phillips stated that he had talked to Commissioner Schmaltz about moving dispatch from the basement of the jail to a different location.

Ms. Hildebrand brought in the notice to proceed for the 911 towers.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the Notice to Proceed for the new 911 towers,

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

Sheriff – Rob Bradley

Sheriff Bradley stated that deputy Adam Hunger has a few hours vacation time that he hasn't been able to take due to short staffed but would like to be able to carry it over.

Sherriff Bradley talked with the commissioners about the letter to the editor about the jail.

Sheriff Bradley brought up the budget for Chief Deputy Lee Davidson, he would like to go exempt.

Sheriff Bradely stated that they have been power washing the jail.

Veregy – Rick Anderson

Mr. Anderson was hoping to have a final number for the courthouse renovation, but the bids are not done yet. Mr. Anderson is going to come back in on July 10, 2023.

*The Commissioners discussed the Schuler Farms, LLC accident on county road 375 South for reimbursements for the destruction of the road. The Commissioners came up with giving Schuler Farms a \$5,000.00 bill for the materials and part of the pay back for the labor.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the June 12, 2023 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

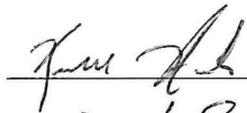
Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the claims and payroll, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

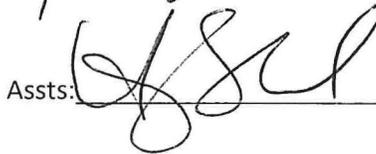
*The Commissioners discussed the Public Safety Tax that the Ripley County Council are talking about putting on the Local Income Tax.

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