

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

June 27, 2022

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

911 – Leah Hildebrand

Ms. Hildebrand was in about the radio tower project. They are looking at putting the 2 new towers on 200 South and at the Napoleon Volunteer Fire Department. Attorney Ertel talked to Ms. Hildebrand about getting a survey by Jeff French for an easement at the Napoleon Volunteer Fire Department. Ms. Hildebrand stated that she is going to have the towers bid out.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the June 13, 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.

Drainage Issue – Jim Wilson

Mr. Wilson was in for a drainage issue in his yard from the field behind him. Attorney Ertel stated that Mr. Wilson will need to talk to the adjoining land owners. The Commissioners told Mr. Wilson that they had no jurisdiction on the problem he is having.

*Auditor Copeland talked to the Commissioners about the generator that is broke. They are stating that the generator is not under warranty. The Commissioners are wanting more information on the situation.

Commissioner Schmaltz had to leave for an emergency at 9:30 am.

Highway – Ray Toops

The bids for the CCMH Grant are due on July 11, 2022 by 3pm in the Auditor's office. This is for 8.1 miles of asphalt laid. The dollar amount awarded was estimated at \$495,000.00.

The guys at the highway garage started chip and sealing on June 21, 2022.

They talked about 600 East and chip and sealing to Swingle's driveway. Commissioner Horstman stated he would call the home owners.

Commissioner Horstman stated he had a phone call about cleaning the ditch on the east side of Merkel road.

The estimated miles that the highway would like to do is 100 miles of chip and sealing with an estimated budget of \$800,000.00. The highway is currently doing 52 miles of asphalt and 10 miles of gravel in chip and sealing.

Commissioner Horstman asked about mowing. Mr. Toops stated that the mowing is going good.

Hoosier Hills Regional Water – Tony Clark

Mr. Clark was in to talk about some projects that they have going and are wanting some of the ARP money.

Mr. Clark did give an update on who Hoosier Hills Regional Water supplies water to in Ripley County.

The Commissioners are going to table until the next meeting.

Road Closer – Anthony Doll

Mr. Doll was in about closing Morris West Street in Morris, Indiana. Attorney Ertel told him the process of wanting a road closure. Attorney Ertel stated his recommendation would be to get an attorney to help with the correct process.

SIRPC – Mary McCarty

This is for the Osgood Water Project. The county match will be \$55,000.00 for the Osgood Water Project. This was changed due to other funding.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to rescind the motion for \$74,521.00 match, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes 1 absent.

Motion: Commissioner Horstman made the motion to match at \$55,000.00 to the Osgood Water Project, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Horstman, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed 2 yes 1 absent.

EMS – Scott Huffman

Mr. Huffman stated that the Milan EMS building is being worked on and has started.
Mr. Huffman stated that the UTV that the county owns is now at the Versailles EMS location.
Mr. Huffman stated that the new ambulance will be in on Wednesday.
Mr. Huffman stated they have not started on the Versailles remodel. Mr. Huffman was asking about a 40 x 40 addition to the Versailles EMS building.
Mr. Huffman also talked about Safe Haven Baby Boxes going into Ripley County.

*The Commissioners worked on and signed their budgets.

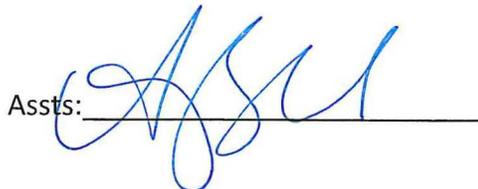
Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion for Commissioner Horstman to sign all the Commissioners’ budgets, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes 1 absent.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to adjourn, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes 1 absent.

 _____ Mark Horstman, President

 _____ Chris Schmaltz

 _____ Kendall Hankins

Assts:  _____ Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor