

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

March 20, 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 stated he is getting new prices for railing at the jail.

Mr. Herbert stated that he is also meeting with Tyler Bond, Regional Roofing and Mark Frost, Veregy regarding the roof at the jail.

Mr. Herbert stated that he has not had any luck with the hiring process for the maintenance position.

911 – Leah Hildebrand

Ms. Hildebrand brought in Mr. Jon Phillips to introduce him to the Commissioners as the new 911 Assistant Director.

Ms. Hildebrand stated that she does have all her positions filled.

Mr. Jon Phillips got up and introduced himself to the Commissioners.

EMS/Coroner – Jason Smith

Mr. Smith was in to ask the Commissioners for money from the ARP fund for new radios for EMS and Coroner offices. He is asking for up to \$15,000.00. The Commissioners stated to purchase these radios from Cum Cap Machinery & Equipment.

Child Services – Michelle Huber

Ms. Huber was in to ask the Commissioners if they could put the blue pin wheels on the courthouse lawn for child abuse awareness. The Commissioners gave her permission to do so.

Sheriff – Rob Bradley

Mr. Bradley gave the Commissioners and the Attorney a copy of a break down for the Recap of the Compensation Complaint he is going to discuss with the Council this evening.

Highway – Jason Edwards

Mr. Edwards brought in a reimbursement contract for the detour for the road closure.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the funds of \$95,681.00 for the reconstruction of the road closure, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Edwards came in wanting to know if a family can paint pedestrian lines on 700 East by Mr. Crum's property and to put signs up also for pedestrian walking signs before his home. The Commissioners gave Mr. Edwards permission for this to happen.

Mr. Edwards stated he has not heard anything on the gas line incident, as of today.

Mr. Edwards stated Mr. Wanstrath wants $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile on 300 West blacktopped. Mr. Wanstrath wants the county to pay for the labor and equipment, but he would pay for everything else. The Commissioners told Mr. Edwards to talk to Mr. Wanstrath about an agreement him and the Commissioners can come too.

Mr. Edwards stated that they went to 3 tractors instead of 4. This is due to an employee having trouble with production and break downs. The Commissioners do want 4 tractors on the road during mowing season.

Mr. Edwards stated that he is looking into putting stop signs at Finks Road and 600 North. Attorney Ertel stated that he will look a little more into the regulations of this.

Mr. Edwards stated he has called Dearborn County for a copy of their temporary ordinance for overweight trucks during a road closer.

Mr. Edwards stated that he is going to move the North guys to the South and all the South guys to the North for a week or two.

Mr. Edwards stated that all the tanks got sold for \$3,200.00.

Mr. Edwards is going to look into uniforms for the highway guys.

Main Street Versailles – Holly Wehr

Ms. Wehr was in about the beer gardens for the music on the square. Commissioner Hankins stated he is not in agreeance with the beer gardens. Commissioner Horstman and Schmaltz stated they are for it.

Commissioner Horstman stated if the Hassmer House would have the alcohol liability insurance for the beer gardens that Commissioner Horstman and Commissioner Schmaltz were for the event.

Plymate – Ladonna Booher

Ms. Booher was in about uniforms for the highway garage. The garage is looking at getting the class 3 shirt and jeans. The Commissioners want the garage to go with Plymate.

EMS – Scott Huffman

Mr. Huffman brought in the contract for Medicount for the EMS billing.

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

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the March 6, 2023 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to appoint Ron Decker to the Public Defender Board, **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.

Court Services – Shannon Schmaltz

Mr. Schmaltz wants to use the North side of the Courthouse Square yard and the bathrooms in the Courthouse for a Ripley County 2023 Recovery Jam. This is for Friday, May 19, 2023 from 6-9pm. The Commissioners are in agreeance for the usage of the Courthouse Square yard and the bathrooms.

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



Mark Horstman, President

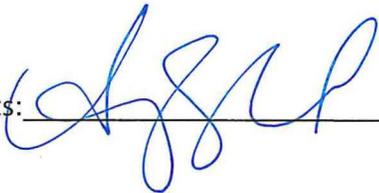


Chris Schmaltz



Kendall Hankins

Assts:



Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor