

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

March 06, 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 there is a water leak in the Southeast corner of the clock tower. Mr. Herbert stated that a lift is needed to even evaluate what is wrong. Mr. Herbert stated that we also have a leak in the roof above the Surveyors office. Regional Roofing was here and stated that it will be close to \$2,500.00 to rent a lift. The Commissioners told Regional Roofing to fix it while he his here with the lift. Mr. Herbert stated that he would keep the Commissioners involved in the prices.

Mr. Herbert stated that he can get cameras for the jail through Stanley the cost is \$3,920.00. He did get a bid on more cameras, but the company stated that the cameras may work but may not. The Commissioners stated to pay it out of Cum Cap.

Mr. Herbert stated that Friendship State Bank donated a safe to the county to be displayed. The Commissioners stated for Mr. Herbert but the safe in the best location he can find.

The WRBI tower generator did not come on during the storm. The Commissioners stated our contract is with GenSet not who WRBI called. WRBI wants the county to pay the bill with the company he called. The Commissioners stated that they are not going to pay the bill, as the company their contract is with was called also.

Mr. Herbert stated that he still has not hired anyone for the open maintenance position.

Sheriff – Rob Bradley

Commissioner Horstman asked if we can pay \$1,000.00 for insurance for a drone that the EMA owns. He stated that the Sheriff's Office already has 2 of their own.

Mr. Bradley stated the dishwasher needs to be repaired in the jail. The cost of a repair is \$4,739.00 and the cost of a new dishwasher is \$29,883.00. Mr. Herbert stated that he would get more bids.

Sheriff Bradley has a bill for uniforms for the jail. The Commissioners told them to pay for this out of their uniform inmate account line item.

Sheriff Bradley stated that the county has joined the Indiana County Sheriff's Association for \$2,500.00.

Sheriff Bradley stated they had a chance to get some PPE from the Sheriff's Association.

Sheriff Bradley stated they have ordered 8 body cameras for the deputies and they were paid for by a donation from the Milan Legion of \$25,000.00.

Sheriff Bradley stated they are also buying new bullet proof vests for the Sheriff's Office.

Highway – Jason Edwards

Mr. Edwards stated that 800 south is bermed.

Mr. Edwards stated that the highway garage has ordered 4 new plows. They will be delivered in about 2 weeks.

Mr. Edwards stated that the garage purchased a Trimble Stick. The cost of this Trimble Stick is \$7,940.00 this is for the first 3 years.

Mr. Edwards stated that the 2 Foreman want the same pay as the lead mechanic in the shop.

Mr. Edwards stated that they are no longer going to use brine so they are selling the tanks.

Mr. Edwards stated that the mower guys are ditching right now.

Mr. Edwards stated that he has now completed the bridge inspection class.

Mr. Edwards had copies of the 2455 N Delaware Road, Milan address. This is for the drainage issue. Mr. Edward stated that it is the natural drain of water.

Commissioner Schmaltz talked about the weed ordinance.

John Bunselmeier – General Public

Mr. Bunselmeier was in about the Town of Osgood and the storm water projects. Mr. Bunselmeier stated that he has talked to the town and the Town of Osgood stated that Mr. Bunselmeier's property is the counties responsibility. The Commissioners stated they Mr. Bunselmeier should contact a lawyer.

Holly Wehr – Versailles Main Street

Ms. Wehr was in to talk about Market on the Square and Music on the Square.

Ms. Wehr was in about a beer garden on the North side of the courthouse lawn and would be run by Hasmer House.

Ms. Wehr would like to use the courthouse bathrooms for the Music on the Square.

The Commissioners stated that they want to discuss the beer gardens on the courthouse lawn further and investigate the insurance liability.

Technology – Becky Cairns

Ms. Cairns stated that the key cards that she purchased will not work due to the door system needing updated.

Ms. Cairns stated that the new web site is in process. Ms. Cairns is stating that it will be up and running by the end of the year.

Ms. Cairns stated she has been working with amazon about setting up an account for the county.

Ms. Cairns stated that the phone systems need upgraded. Level 365 came in to talk to the Commissioners about an upgrade with them. Great Plains also talked about an upgrade with them.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the February 17, 2023 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes and 1 abstain.

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.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the preparation of Medicaid ambulance cost reports., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the ordinance amending ordinance number 2021-03, the ARP coronavirus local recovery fund., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

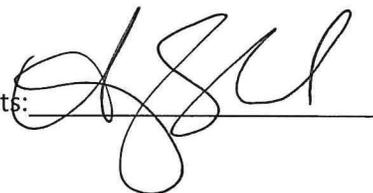
Commissioner Hankins stated that the Sheriff put out a press release today 3/6/2023. Mr. Hankins stated him as a person supported the Sheriff and the raises the Sheriff is asking for. The Commissioners talked about raises through out the county employees, and they can talk to council about their recommendation. The Commissioners are all in favor of the Sheriff getting raises. They are also in favor of hiring a company to do a wage study on employees of Ripley County.

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