

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

May 15, 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 doing interviews for the maintenance position.

Commissioner Horstman asked about the dispatcher room with the leak. He asked if Veregy had looked at the building yet. Mr. Horstman stated the roof has not leaked as of right now.

Treasurer – Lisa Vestal

Ms. Vestal brought in the agreement for the tax sale cost.

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

Area Planning – Tad Brinson

Mr. Brinson brought in a rezone from Bridge of Hope Worship Center for Ripley County from A-1 Agricultural to R-3 Residential. Pastor Doug Norman gave a public comment on the rezone and the benefits of House of Cherith. Ms. Jodi Schmaltz came in and gave a public comment and asked questions about the safety of the neighbors.

Commissioner Horstman asked if House of Cherith would come and speak with the Commissioners.

Mr. Keith Abbott came up and discussed the rezone. Mr. Rick Stevens came up and had questions.

Motion: Commissioners Hankins made the motion to approve the R-3 Residential rezone, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes, 1 no.

Washington National Insurance – Andrew Foxworth

Mr. Foxworth is wanting to come in with a new insurance to introduce to Ripley County.

Sheriff – Rob Bradley

Mr. Bradely was asking who controlled the parking spots on the square. The Town of Versailles should be in control of the spots to park around the courthouse.

Commissioner Schmaltz made a statement about speeding on 1400 north. There is a posted speed limit sign.

Highway – Jason Edwards

Mr. Edwards brought in an unofficial detour for the closure of 129 south. The unofficial detour is 750 South, to 150 East, to 800 South.

The EMS parking lot in Milan will be done today.

Mr. Edwards stated that he went to Friendship to talk to them about the drainage issue on 575 East.

Commissioner Horstman asked about a speed limit sign on 1300 North. Mr. Edwards is going to look and see if he can make it 35MPH or if we need to make some guidelines.

Mr. Trent Linville is wanting to work on a broadband project on 700 North and 750 North.

Community Crossing Matching Grant Bid Opening

Dave O'Mara \$78.00 a ton across the board & Paul Rohe \$99.75 a ton across the board.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve Dave O'Mara for the Community Crossing Matching Grant,

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

Globe Life Insurance – Rachel Rigby

Ms. Rigby is wanting to come in with a new insurance to introduce to Ripley County. The Commissioner are ok with her coming in since we already have their insurance.

EMS – Scott Huffman

Mr. Huffman was in about the Safe Haven Babybox. The Milan Safe Haven Babybox is in testing as we speak and the Versailles Safe Haven Babybox will start testing this week.

Rick Stevens – Discussion

Mr. Stevens stated that there is a person on the park board that is making allegations about him. The person is appointed by the County Council and the Commissioners stated that he would need to talk to the County Council.

Total Tech – Matt Cunningham

Mr. Cunningham is wanting to put in a bid for the 2024 IT contract. The Commissioners stated that they will take a bid for the contract on IT.

Xerox – Lynett Shaw

Ms. Shaw was in to talk about suppling different things to Ripley County offices. Some things they supply are copiers, printers, and scanning.

Technology – Becky Cairns

Ms. Cairns has quotes in for the phone companies, Level 365 and NHC. Ms. Cairns stated that she recommends Level 365.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the purchase of phones for \$15,151.00 and a monthly of estimated \$2,285.00 with Level 365, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

EMA – Randy Miller

Mr. Miller brought in the Emergency Operations Plan.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the Emergency Operations Plan, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Miller also talked to the Commissioners about the Total Solar Eclipse.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the May 01, 2023 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

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

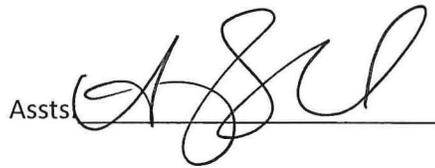
*The Commissioners discussed the Park Board and what can be done and what cannot be done. They have found this is more the County Councils responsibility.

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

 _____ Mark Horstman, President

 _____ Chris Schmaltz

 _____ Kendall Hankins

Assts  _____ Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor