

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

May 16, 2022

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 brought in a quote for a chiller sensor for \$1,052.00. The Commissioners told him to get it fixed and pay it out of Cum Cap.

Mr. Herbert brought in a quote for a condenser motor on the chiller for \$2,060.00. The Commissioners told him to get it fixed and pay it out of Cum Cap.

The Commissioners asked Mr. Herbert if the company mowing the yard was doing a good job and Mr. Herbert stated yes he was pleased with the job done.

Mr. Herbert talked to the Commissioners about the ash trees on the south side of the courthouse. The Commissioners told Mr. Herbert to get a quote on one tree removal and one tree trim.

**The Commissioners discussed a complaint on the handicap parking in the annex parking lot. Commissioner Horstman stated that the person was happy that he called and talked to her.

Open Roadway – Doug Amberger

Mr. Amberger was in about the regulations of opening up West Street in Morris, Indiana. The county takes care of 350-400 feet. The Commissioners gave Mr. Amberger a copy of the county road standards also. The County Attorney, Mr. Ertel, told Mr. Amberger to talk to Mr. Tad Brinson also to get rules and regulations of right of ways.

**The Commissioners discussed having the outside of the courthouse and the annex sprayed. The Commissioners told me to call Cardinal Pest Control and get both buildings sprayed on the outside.

Sheriff – Jeff Cumberworth

Sheriff Cumberworth stated that for the wrecked 2018 Charger, the insurance paid out \$25,823.00. Sheriff Cumberworth asked to order a Tahoe for the Sheriff Department. He stated that that you cannot order a charger right now. The Sheriff stated that he could take care of the difference if the Tahoe was ordered. The Commissioners gave him their blessing.

**Commissioner Horstman asked about the bridge on Finks Road and the weight limit on the bridge. He was called by Greg Grothaus about the matter. The gentleman called with concern.

Highway – Ray Toops

Mr. Toops brought in a tentative list of chip and seal roads. Commissioner Horstman stated that an appropriation should be turned in to council so they can see where the county can get the money to turn county gravel roads to chip and seal.

Mr. Toops stated the second round of Community Crossing Matching Grant can be applied for late August or first of September.

Mr. Toops stated the new employee that was just hired has been fired for being late and a no call no show. The county garage has advertised for the 2 positions they have open.

Commissioner Horstman stated that Gene Bishop has contacted him about Bishop Road. He stated that the whole road is covered in mud. Mr. Bishop sent pictures of the mud on the road. Mr. Toops stated he would send the foreman down to look at it.

Mr. Toops stated that Spades Road had a farmer's disk come down and really destroyed the road. Mr. Toops stated that the foreman is going to look at it today, May 16, 2022.

Mr. Toops stated that the north end of Michigan Road was shut down due to the bridge at 421 being replaced.

Commissioner Hankins stated that when they replace the culvert on 300 East south of 50, there is a dead tree that needs to be taken down while the road is closed.

Commonwealth – Matt Wirth & Town of Osgood – Tony Wood & SIRPC – Mary McCarty

Mr. Wood was in for the Town of Osgood for an Ocra Grant for a water replacement system for the Town of Osgood.

Mr. Wood states that match money is very good for the approval of the grant. Town of Osgood is asking for some match money for the grant. Mrs. McCarty stated that \$50,000.00 would gain the grant 6 points.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve giving the Town of Osgood \$64,521.00 out of ARP money for a matching grant for the replacement of water line, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Holton Water – Michelle Demaree & SIRPC – Mary McCarty

Mrs. McCarty was in for the Holton Water to be a lead applicant on an Ocra Grant. All of Holton Water is in Ripley County.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to be lead applicant on an Ocra Grant for Holton Water, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the May 2, 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.

Area Planning – Tad Brinson

Mr. Brinson brought in a rezone to the Commissioners. The rezone is on Six Pine Ranch Road for a roadside business.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to rezone a property on Six Pine Ranch Road to a roadside business.

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

Safe Haven Baby Box – Amy Arbuckle & Mary Beth Boone & State Representative – Randy Fry

Mr. Fry was in about putting a Safe Haven Baby Box in Ripley County. They are wanting a blessing to be able to raise money for a Safe Haven Baby Box for Ripley County. Ms. Boone stated the estimated cost of the Safe Haven Baby Box is \$20,000.00. The Commissioners talked about putting it in the EMS building in Milan that is being remodeled. The county will be in a contract with the Safe Haven Baby Box. Commissioner Hankins is wanting 2 Safe Haven Baby Boxes, one in Versailles and one in Milan. Donations can be made for the boxes (checks written to Safe Haven Baby Boxes with note of which location Versailles or Milan) and dropped off at the Ripley County Auditor's Office.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion they would cover installation costs of the Safe Haven Baby Boxes in Versailles and Milan locations, **Action:** Approved, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Main Street Versailles – Holly Wehr

Ms. Wehr was in about Music on the Square in Versailles on the first Saturday of June, July, August and September. She is asking for permission to use the bathrooms in the courthouse.

Ms. Wehr also talked to the Commissioners about the Holdsworth Entertainment Pavilion. The Town of Versailles is going to, at some point, put in bathrooms for the public.

Commissioner Hankins stated the bike signs looked good for the park.

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