

# Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

## May 26, 2023

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Roll Call

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

### Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert stated that both positions have been filled in the Maintenance Department.

Mr. Herbert stated that Veregy looked at the 911 and EMA leak, stated that field tile needs to be put in to drain the water away from the building.

### Hoosier Start/Nationwide Deferred Comp – Patrick Ballard

Mr. Ballard was in to see if he can come in and talk to the employees about deferred comp. The Commissioners would like for this to be mandatory for all employees to talk to Mr. Ballard.

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

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to make it mandatory for all full time county employees to talk to the deferred compensation representative, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

### Health Department – Lexi Bushhorn

Ms. Bushhorn was in about the Governor's Public Health Commission.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to opt in to the Governor's Public Health Commission, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

### Town of Versailles & Main Street Versailles – Holly Wehr

Ms. Wehr was in to talk to the Commissioners about a bike rack for the Courthouse Square. The bike rack will go on the South side of the Courthouse on Tyson Street.

Ms. Wehr stated that the Farmers Market will be open on June 3, 2023. The Commissioners gave permission for them to use the Courthouse bathrooms if the new restrooms are not done. The Commissioners also gave Ms. Wehr permission for them to use the Courthouse bathrooms during Music on the Square.

Ms. Wehr stated that IDEM approved the location for the EV Chargers. The construction will start in August. The Commissioners did talk to Ms. Wehr about the clock chimes.

### Indiana Farm Bureau - Brad Ponsler

Mr. Ponsler was in to talk to the Commissioners about Indiana Farm Bureau and what they can offer them.

**Dog Warden – Perry Hardy**

Mr. Hardy stated that he is picking up so many dogs and he has nowhere to take them. The Commissioners told him to do what he has to.

**911 – Leah Hildebrand and Jon Phillips**

Ms. Hildebrand was in about the Notice to Proceed on the 911 towers. Mr. Kissell got a quote for the electric work. It will be about \$10,000 for electric on all 5 sites for the radios. This would be part of the ARP tower money.

Ms. Hildebrand also stated they hired Tim Castelo & Brooke Westerman to the 911 office. They will both be starting in June.

Mr. Phillips stated that he has received one bid for the remodel so far.

Mr. Phillips stated that Veregy was in to look at the leak. The Maintenance Department is going to fix the leak.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve claims, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Hankins abstained from approving the REMC claim.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the May 15, 2023 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the contract with Where Technology Happens (GIS), **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

**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