

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

May 28, 2021

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mark Horstman, President, Chris Schmaltz, Amy Copeland, Auditor & John Ertel, County Attorney, Kendall Hankins is absent.

Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert came in with 2 quotes for new locks on the interior doors and basement in the courthouse, one from Central Indiana Hardware \$4,406.83 and the other from Lee's Lock Service \$7,420.00. Mr. Herbert also had 2 quotes for the bathroom door locks, one from Central Indiana Hardware \$2,998.18 and the other from Lee's Lock Service \$1,613.00.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made a motion to go with Central Indiana Hardware for both the interior doors and the basement doors. This will be paid out of edit fund, building repairs,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes 1 absent.

Mr. Herbert also brought in a quote to change the locks on the courthouse doors on the west side of the courthouse building. Mr. Herbert also stated the bottom rod was broken as well. The quote is from Central Indiana Hardware for \$5,164.24. The Commissioners told Mr. Herbert to do some investigation on it about the historical value of the doors, and what can be done to fix them. Commissioner Schmaltz stated to get a quote to fix the rod on the bottom of the doors that is broken.

Mr. Herbert also stated that there is a problem in the courthouse with the Chilled Water Loop sweating and dripping water. Mr. Herbert stated that the employees were calling continuously to fix wet ceiling tiles that are really not that bad but the employees think it's a water leak.

Technology – Becky Cairns

Ms. Cairns came in with a quote for a new security button for the county highway garage. The button is not working at all. The quote for the new button and system is \$695.00.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to go with the quote for \$695.00 to fix the security button at the highway garage, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes 1 absent.

Ms. Cairns also stated that the extension office in Osgood is needing a new phone system and she is also getting quotes for that. She stated the phone system that is there now is 25 years old.

Health Department – Lexi Bushhorn & Jason Smith

Ms. Bushhorn brought in an ordinance for new fees for food permits.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made a motion to approve the new ordinance for food permits fees, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes 1 absent.

Commissioner Schmaltz talked to Mr. Smith about the Health Board openings and if anyone had put in for the openings. Mr. Smith stated that no one had put in for the 2 Democrat open positions.

Sheriff – Jeff Cumberworth

Mr. Cumberworth asked about the 2011 Dodge Charger that we are going to sell Ripley County School Corp. The car has 196,000 miles on it. The Commissioners stated that they would sell it for \$1.00. The Commissioners signed the title to the Ripley County School Corp.

Mr. Cumberworth also talked about the lawsuit that was filed on the Ripley County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff has turned this in to our insurance company EMC.

Highway – Ray Toops

Commissioner Horstman wanted on record that Harry Mitchell on 775 East received his 50 feet of road fixed and it looks really nice.

Mr. Toops stated that the county will know on June 15, 2021 if they will receive the grant from the Rising Sun Regional Foundation for the tractor.

Mr. Toops also stated that he talked to one of the project managers from the project on 421 and he told them it would be at least another 2 months before 421 will be open.

Mr. Toops stated they are going to schedule to start chip and sealing on June 14, 2021. That will be 40 miles of asphalt roads and 10 miles of gravel. Commissioner Horstman asked if the pothole machine is still running. Mr. Toops stated it is. Commissioner Horstman asked if the potholes on county road 800 East could be fixed. Mr. Decker stated his road sign is gone with the name of the road on it and wanted it to be marked. Mr. Decker would also like a dead-end sign put up as well.

Commissioner Schmaltz asked how the new foreman was working out and Commissioner Horstman asked how the new truck driver was working out. Mr. Toops stated that both employees are doing great.

Mr. Toops stated that they have one of the mowing tractors torn apart and are trying to find out what the cause of the break down is.

Commissioner Schmaltz asked if 300 East could be mowed, he got a call that someone about hit someone on a horse because the grass is high. Mr. Toops stated he would go look at that as soon as possible.

Assessor – Shawna Bushhorn

Ms. Bushhorn asked about the flyover amount that is still due to Eagleview. She wanted to know if she should put that in her budget or if there is any cares act money that could be used to pay it off. The total bill is \$92,507.94 and the remaining left to pay is \$45,060.50.

Motion: Commissioner Horstman made the motion to pay the remaining of \$45,060.50 out of the cares act money, fund 8210, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Horstman, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes and 1 absent.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 17, 2021, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes 1 absent.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the executive session meeting minutes from May 19, 2021, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes 1 absent.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve payroll and claims, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes 1 no.

CCHM Bids – Highway

Commissioner Horstman opened the bids for the Community Crossing Grant. This will pave Michigan Road and 600 feet of 850 North.

Globe Asphalt Paving Co., Inc: #11 Surface \$69.75 and #9 Surface \$69.25, Alternate escalate and de-escalate \$71.00 for both #11 Surface and #9 Surface.

Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc- #11 Surface \$62.00 and #9 Surface \$61.00, Alternate escalate and de-escalate is the same \$62.00 #11 Surface and \$61.00 #9 Surface.

Paul H Rohe Co., Inc - #11 Surface \$72.00 and #9 Surface \$72.00, Alternate escalate and de-escalate \$70.50 for both #11 Surface and #9 Surface.

Motion: Commissioner Horstman made the motion to approve Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc for the bid winner contingent on all the paperwork is filed correctly, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Horstman, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes 1 absent.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes and 1 absent.

 Mark Horstman, President

 Chris Schmaltz

 Kendall Hankins

Assts:  Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor