

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

May 03, 2021

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert stated there are still roots in the sewer line at the courthouse for about 50 feet. The quote to fix this is \$1,600.00. The commissioners told Mr. Herbert to go ahead with the project.

Mr. Herbert stated that the state fire inspector was in last Monday. The inspector stated that the hoses on the second and third floor need to be inspected or removed and put fire extinguishers in its place. The commissioners stated to remove the hoses and replace them with fire extinguishers.

Ripley County Health Board – Jason Smith

Mr. Smith has a position on the board that is open. The position can be filled by the general public.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to remove Mr. Hisrich off of the Ripley County Health Board pursuant codes 16-20-2-6, 16-20-2-7, 16-20-2-8, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Highway Department – Ray Toops

Mr. Toops introduced the new foreman, Dennis McLaughlin, for the south district at the highway garage. The Commissioners gave approval to sell one of the graders to Jefferson County.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz approved the resolution to sell the 672G road grader (VIN #1DW672GXCEF665525) to Jefferson County for \$85,000.00. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Toops also stated that Ripley County will be receiving the \$925,000.00 Community Crossings Grant. The bid will be due by May 28, 2021 at 10:00am.

Mr. Toops is recommending Brandon Brandt for the open truck driver position at the highway garage. The commissioners gave their approval to hire Mr. Brandt.

Commissioner Horstman brought up County Line Road in Milan about the drainage. Russell Moore is the person with the complaint.

General Public – Joe Burdette/Drainage

Mr. Burdette has a piece of property that a pond is on and the pond is on his and his brother's property. Mr. Burdette stated that he doesn't want the pond on his property and it is backing up on his property. A drainage petition was given to Mr. Burdette to fill out and bring back in to the Auditor's office.

EMS – Scott Huffman

Mr. Huffman was in about the bid specs for the EMS building in Milan. Mr. Huffman stated that they are working on a grant for the building also.

Court Services – Shannon Schmaltz

Mr. Schmaltz came in with the 2019 and 2020 community service group hours. Mr. Schmaltz is wanting to get mulch for the courthouse and annex. Commissioner Horstman made the comment about putting rock down instead of mulch.

EMA – Randy Miller

Mr. Miller was in about the update of the employee emergency handbook. He stated that he is working on updating it. Mr. Miller also asked to sell the incident command vehicle and considering that the health department has a trailer that they can dually use, Health Department and incident command. Mr. Miller also will be having an open house at the EMA office on May 17, 2021 from 11am to 5:30pm.

Versailles Main Street – Holly Harley

Ms. Harley was in about the farmers market and to get permission to have that on Tyson Street. They will have to move to another street when they do the construction on Tyson Street. They will also be doing the work out on the square. They use the bathrooms and a little electric. The commissioners gave Versailles Main Street permission.

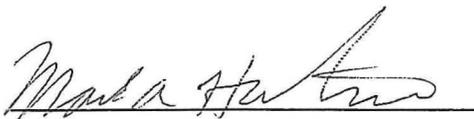
**Commissioner Hankins brought up putting a calendar on the Ripley County web page for events that are being held on county owned property. Commissioner Horstman stated that he thinks the county website needs to be updated.

**Commissioner Horstman talked about the American Rescue Plan. The plan is supposed to give Ripley County 5.4 million dollars. There are very strict policies on what the money can be spent on.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the April 19, 2021 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion: Commissioner 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