

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

November 14, 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 from Cintas Fire. This is for a ball drip on the fire department connection side. The quote is for \$2,047.01. The Commissioners told him to have the job done and pay it out of Cum Cap building repair.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the quote for Cintas Fire to put a ball drip on the fire department connection side for the price of \$2,047.01, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

*The Commissioners discussed the 2 job openings that they will have the first of the year. One is for the Highway Superintendent position at the highway garage and the other is for the Maintenance Supervisor for the county.

Area Planning – Tad Brinson

Mr. Brinson was in with a rezone on 490 Six Pine Ranch Road, Batesville, IN 47006 from R-1 Residential to Roadside Business.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the rezone on 490 Six Pine Ranch Road, Batesville, IN 47006 from R-1 Residential to Roadside Business. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the October 31, 2022 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Court Services – Shannon Schmaltz

Mr. Schmaltz asked if CERT could put a sign in the courthouse lawn. The Commissioners stated that there was not a problem with a yard sign in the courthouse lawn.

Mr. Schmaltz was in to talk to the Opioid Settlement and what they are going to do with the money within the county. The Commissioners at this time do not have anything in writing about what is going to be done with the money. They are waiting for the money to arrive in the county.

911 – Leah Hildebrand and Lee Kissell

Ms. Hildebrand came in with a \$20,000.00 discrepancy in the bid from Mission-1. Attorney Ertel stated that he would contact Mission-1 and tell them the bid will be rejected due to a change. Attorney Ertel stated that he would contact Worldwide and make sure their bid would be accepted.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to rescind the Mission-1 bid due to a bid change they stated was an error that was made, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kissell stated that Worldwide was fine with the bid they put in first.

Motion: Commissioner made the motion to accept Worldwide for the bid for the radio towers, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

EMS – Scott Huffman

Mr. Huffman was in about updates on the EMS building in Milan.

Mr. Huffman stated they got a grant from Rising Sun Regional Foundation for Ultra Sound Machines for the life squads. Jac-Cen-Del was getting new iPads for the students and gave the Ripley County EMS 10 new iPads.

Mr. Horstman stated that he got 2 quotes for clearing the property for parking for the Milan EMS. The quotes are from S & S for \$4,000.00 and Arbor Management for \$5,800.00. Mr. Huffman stated he would get a couple more quotes from excavating companies to clear the lot and build a parking lot.

Highway – Ray Toops

Mr. Toops stated on December 12, 2022 will be bid openings for 2023. They will need to be here before 10am on December 12, 2022.

Commissioner Schmaltz asked if we were off of the contract for fuel and Mr. Toops stated yes we are off of the contract for fuel.

Mr. Toops stated they worked on 300 West last week to correct the road from the detour. This has an estimated cost of \$50,000 and 60,000.00 so far.

Mr. Toops is going to take pictures of the unofficial detour for the state this week.

Mr. Toops stated the bridge crew has been working on a bridge on Hopewell Road and if they can get concrete tomorrow they will get the repair done.

USI – Shari Hinds

Ms. Hinds was in to talk to the Commissioners about bridge 9 on Cave Hill Road. The estimated cost to replace this bridge and to tear down the old bridge is \$7,600,000.00. If Ripley County would get the federal grant that we are applying for the counties estimated portion would be \$2,140,000.00. The Commissioners have tabled this as of right now.

Maintenance – Kim Johnson

Ms. Johnson was in to get some decorations redone for Christmas and new ornaments for a Christmas tree. The Commissioners stated that she can get new Christmas decorations as long as she stays under \$300.00.

*Commissioner Horstman stated that he received a phone call from a Council meeting about how they handled the CAC transfer of money they gave them out of the Belterra Funds.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made a motion to rescind the cleaning supplies contract with Cintas due to it not being out of contract until December 2023, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

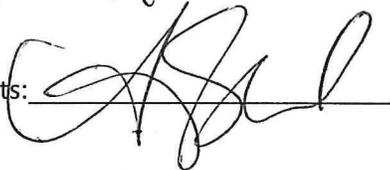
*The Commissioner discussed the Fire Departments in the county and ARP money.

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