

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

November 28, 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 stated he had Southeastern Water System come look at the water softener in the Courthouse. The cost to fix it was \$603.05. Mr. Herbert stated that the bill has been paid.

Mr. Herbert said that probation has done a great job on putting the rock down in the flower beds.

Highway – Ray Toops

Mr. Toops stated he has a recommendation for the mechanics job at the garage. His name is Greg Leiker from Osgood. Mr. Toops asked the Commissioners to look at the bereavement policy. He would like to see parents and step-parents put in the 5-day policy. The Commissioners stated they would investigate this and take it under consideration.

Mr. Toops stated that LTap gave their approval on the pavement and bridge assessment. This must be approved before you can put in for the Community Crossing Matching Grant. The Commissioners did discuss whether they were going to chip and seal or pave.

They also talked about the unofficial and official detour for 421 to Greensburg. Mr. Toops has not heard what will be paid out at this time. Mr. Toops stated he should have numbers by the next meeting.

Patty Jackson – Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning

Ms. Jackson was in for a public hearing to open Ripley County Owner Occupied Rehab Grant Bids.

Ms. Jackson opened and read the bids.

Ms. Jackson stated the bids would be taken under advisement and brought back to the Commissioners on December 12, 2022.

Elam Beiler

Mr. Beiler was in about a water line on 325 South. Mr. Beiler is wanting to put in a water line along the county right away and wanting permission. Commissioner Schmaltz stated that he thinks Holton needs to get an easement. Commissioner Hankins stated it is the land owner's responsibility to get an easement. The Commissioners have given permission for an easement for the water line to go. Mr. Beiler will have to go to the land owners for an easement on their property.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to give Mr. Elam Beiler permission to put a water line on the County owned property at the intersection of 325 South and 350 West, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the November 14, 2022 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Discussed WRBI and the Commissioners want me to send the minutes of every meeting after they are signed.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to appoint Commissioner Schmaltz to be appointed to the Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Horstman made the motion to appoint Jerry Reed to the Area and Planning Board, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Horstman, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioner discussed the Courthouse renovation.

The Commissioners discussed the two positions they will have open come January 2023. They are the superintendent of the highway garage and maintenance supervisor.

Commissioner Hankins brought up that he wants every employee full time and part time to sign off on getting the county handbook. This can be a hard copy of the handbook and or a digital handbook.

The Commissioners talked about giving a half of a day off on December 30, 2022 for honoring everyone's hard work in the year 2022.

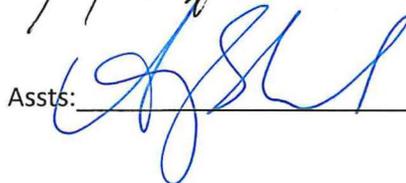
Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion for all offices to close at noon on December 30, 2022. If you are an employee that works in a 24 hour office or your office cannot close for unknown reasons all employees that work a 7 hour day will get 3 hours of compensation time, any office that works more than 7 hours on a normal day will receive 4 hours of compensation time. **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