

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

October 03, 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 that the carpets were cleaned on Saturday 10/1/2022.

Mr. Herbert quoted all the valves to be replaced in the jail, the quote is for \$7,246.80. The Commissioners told Mr. Herbert to go ahead a purchase all 16 valves. Commissioners stated to pay for this out of Cum Cap building repairs. Commissioner Horstman asked if Mr. Herbert was ready for snow removal. Mr. Herbert stated that yes he is as long as the Park doesn't need it.

Highway – Ray Toops

Mr. Toops stated that he has had 7 new resumes for the highway garage. Mr. Toops stated he does have 2 interviews in the morning 10/4/2022. The Commissioners talked about wages and the loss of employees. Commissioner Hankins stated that we may want to have exit interviews with anyone leaving the highway to see if there is an issue that needs to be fixed.

Three members of the public came in with a petition for road maintenance on 100 west. They are Dan Schantz, Jerri Moll, and Linda Borgman. They are wanting the road maintained by the county, as it is not right now. The 3 members of the public, Ray Toops and the Commissioners had a very lengthy discussion on the road.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to fix 100 west at the dead end with a new culvert **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed 2 yes 1 no.

Mr. Toops talked about the detours for the bridge in Napoleon on 421 being closed (300 W and 750 N). Mr. Toops stated he is going to call and talk to the state.

Commissioner Horstman asked about the bridge signs that have a statement on them about Emergency Vehicles. This was a mandate from the state.

911 – Leah Hildebrand

Ms. Hildebrand was in with the bids for the new radio towers. They were from World Wide Structural Fabrication \$277,923.00, Tri County Tower \$575,000.00, Mission One Communications \$281,441.00, All State Tower \$278,304.00. The Commissioners stated that they would take the bids under advisement to let the attorney look over and make a decision at the next meeting on October 17, 2022.

Attorney Ertel brought the Antenna Site Lease Agreement with Elrod Water Company

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

Friendship Sewer District – Matt Wirth, Glenn Kamman & Scott Stutler

Mr. Wirth was back in for the Friendship Sewer District. They are wanting to know if the Commissioners will hold off on that money (\$101,490.00) that they stated they would give them with the Swift grant. They were not awarded the Swift grant but are going to reapply for it. The Commissioners are ok with helping fund a project.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the September 19, 2022 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes and 1 abstain.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to give all the employees personal time for the remainder of the year, so it can be used by the end of the year, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

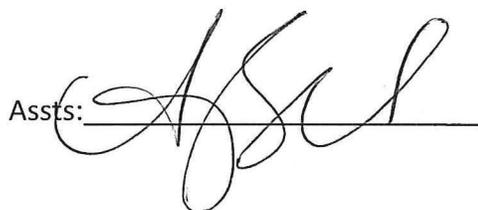
Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the claims and payroll, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

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


_____ Mark Horstman, President


_____ Chris Schmaltz


_____ Kendall Hankins

Assts: 
_____ Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor