

# Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

## September 01, 2023

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Roll Call

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

### Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert brought in the bid for the parking area on the North side of the Annex building from Johannigman for \$109,200.00.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the bid from Johannigman of \$109,200.00 for the north side of the Annex. This will be paid out of Belterra fund 7303 property upgrade **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Herbert and Ms. Hildebrand from 911 came in for an LP tank for the generator for the 911 towers. This LP tank will be a 330 gallon tank.

### Veregy – Rick Anderson

Mr. Anderson was in to talk about the contract and was hoping to have it done but there was an unforeseen circumstance that happened, and the contract didn't get done.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the courthouse renovation, pending the contract approve by Attorney Ertel, for the amount of \$5,512,390.00., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the subrecipient agreement with the Town of Sunman for \$750,000.00, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

### Hanson Aggregates – Brian Whitlock

Mr. Whitlock would like to vacate County Road 350 South. Attorney Ertel explained to Mr. Whitlock that there must be some legal things that need to be done before it can be vacated.

**Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the Grant of Easement for the Ripley County Fairgrounds, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes, 1 abstain.

### Gary Norman – Economic Development

Mr. Norman was in to talk to the Commissioners about The Broadband Ready Community.

**Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the ordinance for The Broadband Ready Community, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes, 1 abstain.

### Sheriff – Rob Bradley & Shannon Schmaltz

Mr. Bradley is wanting to put in a program for rehabilitation in the Jail. The Sheriff is wanting to take out a retaining wall in the visitation space to have the programs.

Commissioner Horstman asked about the change in the jail and Sheriff stated he reached out to the state jail inspector and he stated that if this change was done the jail would not have to be remodeled.

Mr. Herbert stated that the wall will have to be cut out. The Commissioners stated that Mr. Herbert can do it.

**Court Services – Shannon Schmaltz**

Commissioner Hankins asked Mr. Schmaltz if the probation vehicles can be moved to the Jail. Mr. Schmaltz stated that it would be uncalled for the employees to walk two blocks every day for a vehicle. The Commissioners stated that probation could be put in the new parking lot on the North side of the Annex.

**Attorney – Neil Comer**

Mr. Comer is here about a water easement. Mr. Comer is wanting an easement to the highway garage for the Holton Water Company. Ms. Jill Curry was in to show the Commissioners a plan for the water line.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hankins made a motion to sign an easement to boar under the asphalt at the highway garage for the Holton Water Company, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the August 21, 2023 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. 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 Schmaltz made the motion to approve the amendment to the HSA plan to add telehealth back to the plan, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the park to write a check early for the cameras out of the EDIT fund, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

**Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning – Kerry McConnell**

Ms. McConnell was in for a public hearing on the Ripley County Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program.

**Lions Club – Paul Sipples**

Mr. Sipples is in to ask for permission to use the Courthouse for the art show, the Annex Commissioner room for the queen and king candidates, and the bathrooms in both facilities. The Commissioners gave permission for the Lions Club to use the facilities.

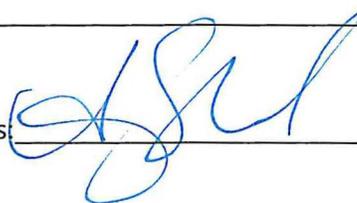
The Commissioners talked about the highway garage and the mower tractors. The Commissioners stated that the DNR sent a letter about the Brownstown bridge and particles falling from it. The garage is appropriating the money to have the bridge removed.

**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