

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

September 18, 2023

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert stated that Johanigan will be here this week to take measurements for the new parking lot on the North side of the annex.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the September 1, 2023 meeting minutes,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes, 1 absent.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve claims and payroll, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes, 1 absent.

New Marion Fire Department – Melvin Meisberger & Levi Beiler & 911 Leah Hildebrand

Mr. Beiler was in for the New Marion fire Department with some questions on dispatch. They want to know why 1st response of Versailles Fire Department is running New Marion Fire Department. New Marion is just wanting to be toned out for calls in their area instead of Versailles. Ms. Hildebrand stated that she will focus on working with New Marion Fire Department.

Town of Sunman, Attorney - John Kellerman

Mr. Kellerman was in to close a Main Street and High Street Public Roads in Ballstown (Sunman Area).

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz tabled the closing of the public roads contingent on the paperwork from Mr. Kellerman., **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes, 1 absent.

Area & Planning - Tad Brinson

Mr. Brinson was in with a rezone at 13002 N SR 129, Batesville, IN 47006.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the rezone at 13002 N SR 129, Batesville, IN 47006 from Roadside Business to A-1 Agricultural, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes, 1 absent.

Sheriff - Rob Bradley

Mr. Bradley was in to discuss a bid for new registers in the jail for \$2,100.00. The Commissioners stated for the Sheriff to replace the registers.

Highway – Jason Edwards

Mr. Edwards stated that they are going to demolition bridge 133, this is an abandoned bridge.

Mr. Edwards stated that they are working on bridge 9. The county is hoping to repave it.

Mr. Edwards is looking to purchase a milling head for the bobcat for the county.

Mr. Edwards is looking to do 8 miles of gravel roads in 2024.

Mr. Edwards stated that he has tried and talked to the surveyor about the holes in the road for pins that the surveyors are using. Mr. Edwards is asking the Commissioners to talk to Mr. French, Surveyor of Ripley County.

Mr. Edwards is going to look into if they can lease trucks instead of buying them.

Mr. Edwards stated that there will be a stop sign on 300 South and Friendship Road, it will go up today September 18, 2023.

The Commissioners would like to have someone here on a Friday meeting from the highway garage.

Attorney Mr. Ertel brought in a Supplemental Amendment to Agreement for Professional Services Relating to Opioids Settlements.

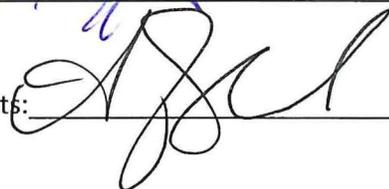
Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made a motion to approve the Supplemental Amendment to Agreement for Professional Services Relating to Opioids Settlements, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes, 1 absent.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes, 1 absent.


_____ Mark Horstman, President

_____ Chris Schmaltz


_____ Kendall Hankins

Asst: 
_____ Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor