

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

September 19, 2022

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 brought in 2 quotes for the cleaning of the floors in the Annex building. Watkins Hydra Steam for the amount of \$3,986.00 and Magna-Dry for \$9,188.84. Watkins Hydra Steam is also going to do the Veteran's Office for free.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to have Watkins do the cleaning of the floors in the Annex building, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes 1 absent.

Mr. Herbert also stated he is going to need 6 push buttons for the sinks and toilets. They are \$700.00 per unit to fix and that is the cheapest Mr. Herbert can find.

Mr. Herbert also spoke about a leak in the 911 office. He stated he cannot fix it until it rains hard enough to see where the leak is coming from.

911 – Leah Hildebrand

Ms. Hildebrand brought in the Antenna Site Lease Agreement. Attorney Mr. Ertel stated that we need to get confirmation from Mr. Samples on the insurance portion of the lease, then the lease could be signed.

Ms. Hildebrand also wanted to know where she should pay for the surveys at. The Commissioners stated the ARP money.

The bid has been advertised in the Versailles Republican and the Greensburg Daily News. The bids are due on September 30, 2022.

Mr. Ertel stated we also need to work on the easement for the towers at Versailles Town Property and the Napoleon Volunteer Fire Department.

EMA – Randy Miller

Mr. Miller talked about a weather radio on a tower that would be owned by Ripley County for 911. This is a work in progress.

Mr. Miller stated they have looked at 4 vendors for mass notifications. Mr. Miller stated with everyone's' input they have decided on Hyper-Reach. Hyper-Reach is \$6,900.00 a year.

Mr. Miller stated that they have made an incident commander trailer with the Health Department trailer they had. It is working out great for Ripley County.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the Hyper-Reach contract with modified language for choice of law in Indiana, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes 1 absent.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the September 2, 2022 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 the claims and payroll, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes 1 absent.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the yearly 2023 schedules for commissioner meetings, holiday schedules, and payroll schedules, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed 2 yes 1 absent.

Commissioner Horstman stated that Harry Mitchell was going to resign from the Area and Planning Board. He stated he would stay on the board until the Commissioners found someone to replace him.

Court Services – Shannon Schmaltz

Mr. Schmaltz came to ask since he is using the Commissioners room all week for training and wanted to know if he could use the kitchen in the back as well. Commissioners gave their blessing.

Highway – Ray Toops

Mr. Toops stated they would be done chip and sealing tomorrow with the 105 miles they have done. Mr. Toops stated after that, they have about a months' worth of grader patching.

Mr. Toops would like to make a recommendation for Lead Mechanic. Mr. Toops stated that Justin Sanders would be great for the job. He is currently a mechanic at the garage.

Mr. Toops stated that he is not having any luck with hiring any employees. Commissioner Horstman stated let's think outside of the box.

Mr. Toops stated in a public meeting that he is going to retire on January 31, 2023. Mr. Toops stated that he would recommend Meredith Huntington but will be taking applications for the job.

Plymate – LaDonna Booher

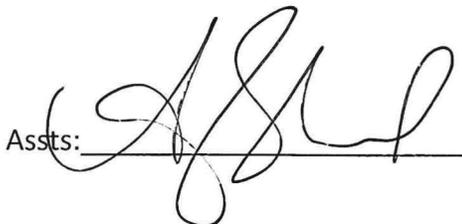
Ms. Booher is going to get the county a quote on all of the supplies we use through Cintas. She is also going to get a quote on uniforms for the county garage.

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

 _____ Mark Horstman, President

 _____ Chris Schmaltz

_____ Kendall Hankins

 _____ Assts: Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor