

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

January 13, 2020

Roll Call.

Present: Commissioners Rodney Stratton, Mark Horstman, Gary Stutler, Amy Copeland, Auditor, & John Ertel, County Attorney.

Pledge of allegiance

-Open floor for nominations for Commissioner President. Commissioner Stutler nominated Commissioner Horstman for president.

Motion: Commissioner Stutler made the motion to nominate Commissioner Horstman for Commissioner President, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gary Stutler, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed unanimously.

Maintenance – Mr. Johnnie Lohrum

Mr. Lohrum brought in a quote for Adams Sealing. Mr. Lohrum also talked about the recycling, most offices have recycling bins in their office. Recycling should be separated in paper, cardboard, plastic and glass.

Mr. Johnnie Lohrum has put in his retirement letter. The date will be April 17, 2020. Commissioners stated that Mr. Lohrum could take his phone number with him when he goes.

911 – Mrs. Leah Hildebrand

Mrs. Hildebrand brought in a new hire. Mrs. Hildebrand only has one Windows 10 computer in her office. Mrs. Hildebrand cannot run her program with CPI on a Windows 7 computer. The deadline date to get Window 10 computers is March 31, 2020.

2020 Commissioner Appointments:

County Attorney – Mr. John Ertel

Maintenance – Mr. Johnnie Lohrum

Housekeeping – Ms. Becky Mullins (Courthouse)

Ms. Theresa G Swinney (Annex)

Building Inspector – Mr. Dwight Bauman

Highway Superintendent – Mr. Ray Toops

Highway Mechanic Foreman – Mr. Pat Kissell

Highway District 1 Foreman – Mr. Meredith Huntington

Highway District 2 Foreman – Mr. Bob Deburger

Highway District 3 Foreman – Mr. Dave Brunner

Technology Director – Ms. Rebecca Cairns

EMA Director – Mr. Shawn Alvarado

Veterans Service Officer – Mr. Ken Hylton

Animal Control – Mr. Perry Hardy

EMS Director – Mr. Scott Huffman

Motion: Commissioner Stratton made the motion to approve all the above appointments,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Rodney Stratton, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

-Commissioner Horstman brought up the estimate on the grandstands at the fairgrounds from the Poole Group, Inc.

Sherriff – Mr. Jeff Cumberworth

Mr. Cumberworth brought in 2 new hires.

Highway – Ray Toops

Mr. Toops met with Sherry Hines to get most of the paper work done for the Community Crossings Grant. Will need a financial letter from the Council & Commissioner President. Mr. Toops talked about the fuel bid and the commissioners are wanting to wait till the next commissioner meeting to lock in the fuel bid.

Commissioner Horstman questioned Mr. Toops regarding whether Mrs. Stegemiller and Mrs. Arney should be appointed, by the Commissioners or considered clerical employees under the supervision of Mr. Toops. Commissioner Horstman stated and Commissioner Stratton and Commissioner Stutler agreed that Mrs. Stegemiller and Mrs. Arney, would be considered employee under the direction of Mr. Toops, rather than appointed positions, and Mr. Toops agreed with that.

EMS – Scott Huffman

Mr. Huffman discussed the progress of the new location/building and the new truck. The new truck is getting regular scheduled maintenance on it this week. The only problem they have had with the new building is the overhead doors. Mr. Huffman also brought in a quote to address a leaking head gasket issue on one of the 2012 ambulances.

Technology – Becky Cairns

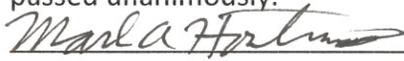
Commissioner Horstman stated that Mrs. Cairns is would like to serve in as the Technology Director, being an exempt employee with a salary of \$45,000.00, with the approval of council. Mrs. Cairns stated that the computers in 911 could be upgraded to Windows 10 at a lower cost than purchasing new computers.

Motion: Commissioner Stratton made the motion to approve the December 30, 2019 minutes,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Rodney Stratton, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Stutler made the motion to approve all the claims, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gary Stutler, **Seconded by** Rodney Stratton. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Stratton made the motion to approve the short term leave for Elaine Mortara, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rodney Stratton, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

 _____ Mark Horstman, President

 _____ Gary Stutler

 _____ Rodney Stratton

Assts:  _____ Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor