

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting November 18, 2019

Roll Call.

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

Pledge of Alliance

Rich Corkhum – EMA

Mr. Corkhum wants to get permission to hang a copper profile picture of Patrick Rose in the Annex building. Commissioners had discussion on the hanging of the profile picture. **Motion:** Commissioner Stutler made the motion to hang the copper profile picture of Patrick Rose in the annex building, you can hang it on the left when you come in the front door between the window and the commissioners room door , **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gary Stutler, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed unanimously.

If there is anything requested to be hung or placed in the annex building, the commissioners will review that on a case by case basis.

Tad Brinson – Area Planning

Commissioners wanted to make sure that Rodney Crabtree abstained from voting on the GKL campground. Mr. Brinson stated that Mr. Crabtree did abstain. However, Mr. Crabtree abstained in the first two meetings, but voted in the last meeting, after it was determined there was no conflict.

Mr. Brinson brought in a rezone for Ted & Tracy Adkins to expand an additional acre. Zoning Board had a unanimous vote on it 7-0. **Motion:** commissioner Horstman made a motion to approve Ted & Tracy Adkins to rezone 3 acres to road side business, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Horstman, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Brinson brought in a new building code that all structures should have permits (any size building). Zoning Board had a unanimous vote of 7-0. Commissioners have denied having to get permits for movable buildings.

Total Tech Connection – Matt Cunningham & Stephanie Thomas

Total Tech Connections is an IT company. They are here today to express wanting to serve Ripley County's IT needs starting in January. Total Tech presented a quote for their service contract.

Jeff Cumberworth – Sheriff

Mr. Cumberworth is wanting to get bids for a new flooring in the work release area. Lee Mathews retired from the security for the courthouse.

Mr. Cumberworth brought in a new hire for 911.

Motion: Commissioner Horstman made a motion to approve the November 4, 2019 minutes,
Action: Approve, **Moved by** Mark Horstman, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Horstman made a motion to approve claims and payroll, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Horstman, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Horstman made the motion to approve Commissioner Stutler as the appointed representative for the Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Horstman, **Seconded by** Rodney Stratton. Motion passed unanimously.

Ray Toops – Highway Department

Dave O’Mara is currently paving in Commissioner Horstman’s District 1.

Mr. Toops stated by the end of the week we will have the new tractor and mower.

Mr. Toops will be getting the bids together and due on December 16, 2019 by 10am. Mr. Toops stated that John Deere will be here next week to look at our graders.

Roxanne Meyer & Janice Wilson – Main Street Versailles

Mrs. Meyer & Mrs. Wilson will like to put candle lights in the windows if the courthouse and the annex.

Motion: Commissioner Stutler made the motion to put candle lights in the windows of the courthouse and the annex building, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gary Stutler, **Seconded by** Mark Horstman. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave Osborn & Kenny Bowling – Extension Office & Park and Rec.

Mr. Osborn and Mr. Bowling are in about building a new livestock building. The building would be 100’ X 50’ X 14’. This building would be a capital improvement. All quotes/bids will need to have workers compensation (or appropriated waivers and affidavits off independent contractor status for workers, filed with the Indiana Worker’s Compensation Board) and liability insurance certificates.

Scott Huffman – EMS

Motion: Commissioner Horstman made a motion that an emergency exist requires the storage of the ambulance in a climate controlled setting and that Commissioner Stratton shall have authority on behalf of the commissioners to sign a lease agreement/option to purchase agreement with Rescue 69, contingent upon appropriate and agreed upon numbers, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Mark Horstman, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Huffman stated that following more research, chase vehicles with naturally aspirated V6 engines would be the most reliable choice. Commissioners would like to purchase vehicles from a dealer within the county, and authorized Mr. Huffman to seek a state bid match. Mr. Huffman brought in 2 new applications for EMTs.

Commissioner Rodney Stratton

Commissioner Stratton spoke about political districts, presented a district map, and commented on the approximate square miles and population in each district. Indiana Code 36-2-2-4 was discussed and noted when the Commissioners could consider modification of the said districts.

A rough estimate the square miles contained in each districts are; District #1 - 130 Square Miles, District #2 - 176 Square Miles, and District #3 - 97 Square Miles. Ginger Bradford, Ripley County Clerk noted that Brad King, affiliated with the state elections, stated that nothing can be done till after the Census 2020, pursuant to the statute. No further action was taken on this, but it can be discussed at the beginning and/or acted upon in 2021.

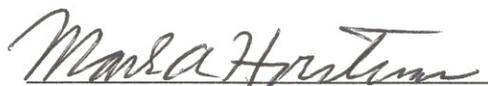
Shawn Alvarado – EMA

Mr. Alvarado updated the commissioners on the EMA office.

Motion: Commissioner Horstman made the motion to adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Mark Horstman, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.


Rodney Stratton, President


Gary Stutler


Mark Horstman

Assts:  Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor