

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting December 16, 2019

Roll Call.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Johnnie Lohrum – Maintenance

The elevator is now working in courthouse and Johnnie has been watching it on a daily basis. The basement in the courthouse is also staying dry since it has been worked on.

Motion: Commissioner Horstman made the motion to approve the minutes from December 2, 2019, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Horstman, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion: Commissioner Horstman made the motion to reappoint Samantha O'Neil to the Friendship Regional Sewer District, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Horstman, **Seconded by** Rodney Stratton, Commissioner Stutler abstained.

Terri Trowbridge – Tourism

Motion: Commissioner Horstman made the motion to reappoint Anita Fledderman and Don Karbowski to the Ripley County Tourism Bureau, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Horstman, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

Miss. Trowbridge gave an update on the Tourism Bureau.

Friendship Regional Sewer District

Mr. Tony Wood, System Operator, gave a presentation on the Friendship Region Sewer District. They are needing to do some updates to the sewer system. The Friendship Regional Sewer District is wanting the Commissioner blessing on a new grant for updates to the sewer district.

Motion: Commissioner Horstman made the motion to approve to be the administrator on the grants for the Friendship Regional Sewer District, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Horstman, **Seconded by** Rodney Stratton, Commissioner Stutler abstained.

Brad Samples - Encore

Mr. Samples was in to give an update on the county insurance. Renewal for the 2019 pay 2020 insurance is due. Mr. Samples bids the insurance out every 2 years. **Motion:** Commissioner Horstman made a motion for the renewal of county insurance through Encore, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Horstman, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Cumberworth – Sheriff

Mr. Cumberworth brought in bids for the roof of the sheriff's department. The bids came from Royalty and Hornberger Roofing.

Ray Toops – Highway

Mr. Toops stated Kevin Murphy will be here Friday so sign the new contract. Mr. Toops got a quote from Southeastern for the rubber tire roller.

Scott Huffman – EMS

Mr. Huffman brought in 2 new hires. Mr. Huffman gave an update on the Rescue 69 building that they moved into last Monday.

Sealed Bids

Bids were open and read aloud for the materials and fuel for the highway garage. The bids will be taken under advisement and a decision will be made at the next commissioner meeting on December 30, 2019.

Motion: Commissioner Horstman made the motion to take all bids under advisement, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Horstman, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

For the record the Commissioner's rejected one bid due to not being submitted on or before 10:00 a.m., December 16, 2019. The bid was not opened.

Monica Hansen – 4H Board

Jeff Meinders is going to provide insurance coverage/oversight for the building project.

Motion: Commissioner Horstman approved to accept the contract quote as revised regarding payment schedule, contingent upon a state design release and approval of workers compensation board for the individuals working on project for New Marion Sales as Independent Contractors, specifically, submission and approval of form WCE-1, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Horstman, **Seconded by** Gary Stutler. Motion passed unanimously.

-Discussed the technology position.

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

Rodney Stratton Rodney Stratton, President

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Assts Amy R Copeland Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor