

RIVERTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING – March 9, 2026

The regular meeting of the Riverton Township Board was called to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Riverton Township Hall by Supervisor Dittmer. Board members present were Gary Dittmer, Cindy Gerbers, Kristi Griffis, Todd VanNortwick, and Greg Thurow. There were two (2) residents in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

A motion was made by Trustee Thurow, supported by Trustee VanNortwick to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee VanNortwick, supported by Supervisor Dittmer to approve the January and February treasurer reports, all in favor, motion carried. (reports are available for viewing upon request).

SHERIFF:

Not in attendance.

FIRE CHIEF:

21 calls for service to date in 2026. Chief Cooper presented the board with a very detailed annual report.

May 9, 2026 will be the pancake breakfast.

Property next store is still on hold.

ASSESSOR:

No report.

COMMISSIONER:

County is in the process of updating their cyber security, found a need to expand.

An agreement was reached with Life EMS for an additional five (5) years. County will purchase three (3) ambulances and two (2) auto adjusting gurneys.

The old Scottville school building will be demolished soon. Site should be large enough to erect four (4) new homes.

The County has obtained two (2) homes in the Walhalla area. These will fall under the My Neighborhood grant (\$200,000). Requirements are you must live there for five (5) years. 1st come / 1st served.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Laurene Feister was in attendance. She is the custodian for the hall. She is asking for a raise up to \$30/hour (currently \$25/hour). The board will see if it can be worked into the budget.

Susan Evans with Mason County Senior Services was in attendance to introduce herself and inform the Board about the Senior Services. Please reach out to her if you have any questions.

SUPERVISOR:

- Trustee VanNortwick – tube on Morton Rd. / Marrison Rd. the concrete around is caved in. Trustee VanNortwick will reach out to the Road Commission.

Trustee VanNortwick also mention an estimate for the possible weight room downstairs for budgeting purposes – roughly around \$6,011.61.

- Treasurer Griffis – no report.
- Trustee Thurow – Any word on the ball diamond usage by the party that was asking about it? Not yet, but usage will be after Rec. League.

Also any estimates from Cooper in regards to updates to the fields? Not at this time. Trustee VanNortwick will reach out to him.

- Clerk Gerbers – A motion was made by Clerk Gerbers for the board to give her authority to sign the Early Voting Agreement with the County as some small changes were made to the agreement, Supervisor Dittmer seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hall renovations – Bids were opened March 2, 2026. Received bids from Greg Frey Construction and Wagner Home and Outdoor Construction. A motion was made by Supervisor Dittmer to award the bid to Wagner Home, supported by Trustee Thurow, all in favor – Trustee VanNortwick and Treasurer Griffis abstained from voting due to conflicts, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brining will cost \$56,000+ this year. We will have one single brine before Memorial Day, also in contact will be agreement to spot brine as requested/ A motion was made by Trustee VanNortwick to support Supervisor Dittmer and Clerk Gerbers to sign the brine contact, supported by Trustee Thurow, all in favor, motion carried.

Received a lease from Dykman for a franchise for Great Lakes Energy. Supervisor has questions and is going to contact MTA for assistance, tabled.

Request from COVE for funding of \$0.50/resident. Supervisor Dittmer asked Clerk Gerbers to reach out to other clerks to see if they received request and what they might do, tabled.

Meeting schedule for 2026-2027 presented, a motion was made by Clerk Gerbers, supported by Supervisor Dittmer, to approve, received 4 ayes and 1 nay, motion carried.

Final budget meeting will be March 17th at 7:00 PM. Will be posted.

PRESENTATION OF CHECKS –

Approval was requested for the February check payments in the amount of \$10,459.83, a motion was made by Clerk Gerbers, supported by Trustee Thurow, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval requested for March check payments in the amount of \$9,739.25, a motion was made by Clerk Gerbers to approve, supported by Trustee Thurow, all in favor, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M. until **Monday May 11, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.** at the Riverton Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted –

Cindy Gerbers
Township Clerk