

Ripley County Council Meeting

August 21, 2023

Councilman President, Peggy Ehlers, opened the County Council Meeting with the Pledge of the Allegiance.

Roll Call.

Present: Peggy Ehlers, President, Katie Bailey, Stan Wiedeman, Ron Decker, David Tebbing, Andrew Decker, Amy Copeland, Auditor & John Ertel, Attorney. Diane Macek was absent.

Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the July 17, 2023 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** David Tebbing, **Seconded by** Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes 1 absent.

Transfers 2023				
Extension	\$77.00	1001.11600.000.0009 County Gen/Clerical	1001.16100.000.0009 County Gen/Youth Summer Support	Last Summer Staff pay period was short.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Seconded by Katie Bailey. Motion passed 6 yes, 1 absent.			
911	\$85.00	1222.49000.000.0045 Statewide 911/Equipment	1222.33210.000.0045 Statewide 911/UPS Contract	Maintenance increase for yearly contract.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by David Tebbing, Seconded by Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes, 1 absent.			
Court Services	\$200.00	9176.36201.000.0000 JDAI "B"/Rewards	9176.25300.000.0000 JDAI "B"/Office Supplies	To reallocate funds in a grant.
Court Services	\$700.00	9176.36201.000.0000 JDAI "B"/Rewards	9176.37800.000.0000 JDAI "B"/Contractual Services	To reallocate funds in a grant.
Note:	Motion: Councilman A Decker made the motion to approve the above transfers, Action: Approve, Moved by Andrew Decker, Seconded by Ron Decker. Motion passed 6 yes, 1 absent.			
Park	\$5,000.00	1219.11350.000.0050 Park/Caretaker	1219.15100.000.0050 Park/Asst Caretaker	Per park board to transfer more money into the assistant.

Note:	Motion: Councilman Bailey made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Katie Bailey, Seconded by David Tebbing. Motion passed 6 yes, 1 absent.			
Clerk	\$22.00	1001.25300.000.0001 County Gen/Office Supplies	1001.26100.000.0001 County Gen/Maintenance	Only budgeted \$800 but need \$821.70 for year.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Seconded by David Tebbing. Motion passed 6 yes, 1 absent.			
EMA	\$500.00	1001.32600.000.0016 County Gen/Training	1001.26500.000.0016 County Gen/Preparedness Supplies	To help pay for additional preparedness supplies.
EMA	\$300.00	1001.35600.000.0016 County Gen/Warning Systems	1001.37800.000.0016 County Gen/Contractual Services	For hyper reach contract.
Note:	Motion: Councilman R Decker made the motion to approve the above transfers, Action: Approve, Moved by Ron Decker, Seconded by Andrew Decker. Motion passed 6 yes, 1 absent.			
Technology	\$100.00	1001.32800.000.0053 Cty Gen/Meetings	1001.32700.000.0053 Cty Gen/Mileage	For mileage reimbursement.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by David Tebbing, Seconded by Katie Bailey. Motion passed 6 yes, 1 absent.			
Sheriff	\$23,500.00	1001.18303.000.0014 Cty Gen/Jailer #4	1001.37501.000.0014 Cty Gen/Meals for prisoners	Food prices have increased over 15%
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Seconded by Katie Bailey. Motion passed 6 yes, 1 absent.			
Sheriff	\$348.00	1001.33800.000.0014 Cty Gen/Prisoner Transport	1001.25802.000.0014 Cty Gen/Uniforms Inmates	We paid for employee uniforms from this fund per commissioners and the fund is low now.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Bailey made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Katie Bailey, Seconded by David Tebbing. Motion passed 6 yes, 1 absent.			

Additional Appropriations			
Health	\$12,656.00	9108.25301.000.0000 ISDH-MRC/Outreach Materials	Stop the bleed kits for schools.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Bailey made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Katie Bailey, Seconded by Andrew Decker. Motion passed 6 yes, 1 absent.		
Commissioners	\$25,000.00	1238.33295.000.0000 Opioid Unrestricted/Fire Departments	To give the fire departments some funding.
Note:	Motion: Councilman A Decker made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Andrew Decker, Seconded by Katie Bailey. Motion passed 6 yes, 1 absent.		
Health	\$34,400.00	8253.25301.000.0000 School Covid19 CoAg/Outreach Materials	Stop the bleed kits for schools.
Note:	Motion: Councilman R Decker made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Ron Decker, Seconded by David Tebbing. Motion passed 6 yes, 1 absent.		

New Business:

Councilman Ehlers brought to the attention of the board that the Area & Planning needed a new appointment. The name that was given for the appointment was Wesley Gibson. They did not have all the information that they thought they needed so the council tabled the appointment.

Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to table the new appointment for Area and Planning, **Action:** Tabled, **Moved by** Stan Wiedeman, **Seconded by** Andrew Decker. Motion passed 6 yes, 1 absent.

Old Business:

Veregy – Rick Anderson and Mark Frost

Mr. Anderson got up and spoke to council about the start of the courthouse renovation to now. Mr. Anderson also spoke on the background of the company Veregy.

Ms. Miki Riehle got up and spoke some problems she has noticed in the courthouse (Ms. Riehle is a courthouse employee).

Judge Jeff Sharp got up and spoke on how Veregy has worked on the project very well and have been very good to the Ripley County employees.

Mr. Rick Anderson stated that Veregy was going to cut their cost of the project by \$230,000.00.

Councilman A Decker spoke on the concerns he had on the way the estimates were done by Veregy.

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Attorney Ertel spoke on legislation 36-1-12.5.

Councilman Ehlers spoke on making sure that the historical preservation is taken into consideration.

Councilman Wiedeman stated that at the last meeting there was a couple things that could forgo. The window replacement and the bathrooms.

The Auditor talked about the funds that could be used for paying for the courthouse renovation.

The Councilmen wanted to see the ordinance for the Rainey Day fund. The Auditor went and got a copy of the Rainey Day Ordinance.

Councilman A Decker tried to get Veregy to give a larger discount or do some scope of work for free. The funds talked about using are ARP, Riverboat, EDIT, General and Rainey Day. Commissioner Hankins talked to the Council about everything they have done to get the project approved. **Motion:** Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to do the Base Project \$4,632,120, Window Replacement \$576,810, Fire Suppression \$344,900, and Toilet Room upgrades \$188,560, total cost of \$5,512,390, **Action:** Approved, **Moved by** Stan Wiedeman, **Seconded by** Katie Bailey. Motion passed 5 yes, 1 no and 1 absent. Councilman Andrew Decker made an announcement that he wanted in the public minutes. He stated he does not feel comfortable voting yes on this due to the way it was presented and the use of tax payers money.

Attorney John Ertel – Public Safety Tax

Attorney Ertel talked to the council about the public safety tax that was sent to DLGF and was sent back to him with some questions. He has answered all their questions and sent the form back for approval of the DLGF.

The Council missed putting the group insurance in the EMS EDIT budget.

Motion: Councilman Bailey made the motion to approve the \$105,000 in the EMS EDIT Budget for 2024, **Action:** Approved, **Moved by** Katie Bailey, **Seconded by** Andrew Decker. Motion passed 6 yes, 1 absent.

Committee Reports:

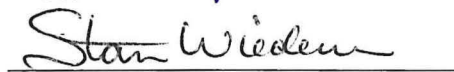
- Economic Development – Andrew Decker - none
- Technology Committee - Katie Bailey - none
- SEI Regional Planning Committee – Diane Macek - none
- Solid Waste District - David Tebbing - none
- Grants Committee - Stan Wiedeman – none

Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to Adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** David Tebbing, **Seconded by** Katie Bailey. Motion passed 6 yes 1 absent.

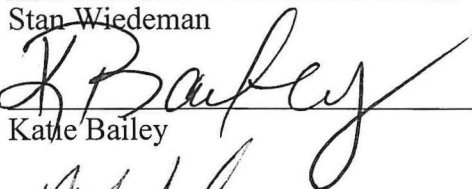
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Peggy Ehlers, Council President



Stan Wiedeman



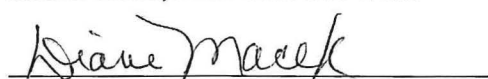
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Peggy Ehlers, Council President

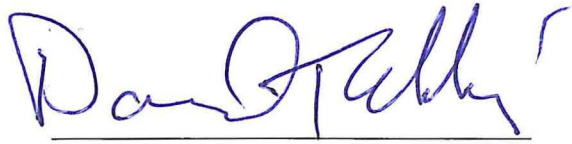
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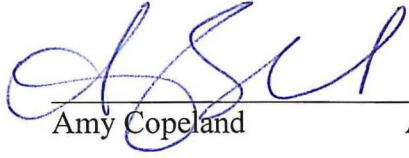
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Amy Copeland

Auditor, Ripley County

ATTEST:

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