

## Ripley County Council Meeting

April 21, 2025

Councilman President, Peg Ehlers, opened the County Council Meeting with the Pledge of the Allegiance. **Roll Call.**

**Present:** Peg Ehlers, President, Stan Wiedeman, Ron Decker, David Tebbing, Stephanie Back, Diane Macek, Amy Copeland, Auditor & John Ertel, Attorney. Andrew Decker was absent

**Motion:** Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the March 17, 2025 meeting minutes. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** David Tebbing, **Seconded by** Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes.

### Transfers 2025

Treasurer	\$249.00	1001.11600.00000.0005 Cty Gen/Clerical	1001.25300.00000.0005 Cty Gen/Office Supplies	Had to replace a printer that went down while printing tax bills.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman R Decker made the motion to approve the above transfer, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Ron Decker, <b>Second by</b> Diane Macek. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Treasurer	\$750.00	1001.32305.00000.0005 Cty Gen/Printer Maint	1001.25300.00000.0005 Cty Gen/Office Supplies	Had to replace a printer that went down while printing tax bills.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman R Decker made the motion to approve the above transfer, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Ron Decker, <b>Second by</b> Stephanie Back. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
<b>Additional Appropriations</b>				
Veterans	\$250.00	9117.37810.00000.0000 RCCF-Military Service/Misc Service		Cover expense to help veteran.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Stan Wiedeman, <b>Second by</b> Stephanie Back. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			

911	\$9,875.00	1222.11260.00000.0045 911/911 Director	Increase 911 director salary to median amount for Indiana counties of similar size.
<b>Note:</b>	No Motion		
911	\$1,106.00	1222.18100.00000.0045 911/Perf	Perf increase with payroll increase.
<b>Note:</b>	No Motion		
911	\$755.44	1222.12600.00000.0045 911/Social Security	Social Security increase with payroll increase.
<b>Note:</b>	No Motion		
911	\$800.00	1235.32700.00000.0000 LIT 911/Mileage & Fuel	Mileage reimbursement.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Stan Wiedeman, <b>Second by</b> Stephanie Back. Motion passed 4 yes, 2 no & 1 absent.		
911	\$3,000.00	1235.36201.00000.0000 LIT 911/Reward & Incentive	Employee appreciation to buy incentives, rewards and increase morel.
<b>Note:</b>	No Motion		
911	\$10,000.00	1235.49000.00000.0000 LIT 911/Consoles	Console project to pay electrician for rewiring.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Stan Wiedeman, <b>Second by</b> Ron Decker. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		

Highway	\$59,776.00	1135.32620.00000.0033 Cum Bridge/Bridge Reinspection	Bridge inspection invoices for 2024 weren't paid until 2025 money is there just needs appropriated.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> David Tebbing, <b>Second by</b> Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		
Council/ Commissioners	\$75,000.00	1112.37800.00000.0018 EDIT/Contractual Services	Comprehensive Plan
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman R Decker made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Ron Decker, <b>Second by</b> Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		
Sheriff	\$10,000.00	1170.31300.00000.0000 LIT Public Safety/Auto Insurance	New enterprise vehicles coming in.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman R Decker made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Ron Decker, <b>Second by</b> David Tebbing. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		

#### **New Business:**

##### Park-Christy Volz

Ms. Volz was in to talk about the appointment that was made at the last council meeting. She stated that the appointment was not up for a new appointment. The appointment is up on December 31, 2026.

**Motion:** Councilman Back made the motion to rescind the Phil Morgan appointment, **Action:** Rescind, **Moved by** Stephanie Back, **Second by** Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 4 yes, 2 no & 1 absent.

##### Health-Tara Briggs

Ms. Briggs was in to make one School Liaison full time position into a part time position and to give the Public Health Assistant a 5,294.00 raise.

**Motion:** Councilman Back made the motion to approve the School Liaison a part time position and the raise for the Public Health Assistant of \$5,294.00, **Action:** Denied, **Moved by** Stephanie Back, **Second by** Stan Wiedeman. Motion denied 2 yes, 3 no, 1 abstain & 1 absent.

Ms. Briggs did ask the council to relook at the School Liaison position to move it to part time with a pay of \$25.00 per hour.

**Motion:** Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the School Liaison to go to part time with a \$25.00 hour pay, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Stan Wiedeman, **Second by** Ron Decker. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.

##### C.A.R.E. — Geneen Ostendorf

Ms. Ostendorf spoke on the animal problem we have in the county. Ms. Ostendorf asked the council to look at an Animal Control Officer position during the budget process for the year 2026.

**Old Business:**

The Council discussed the raises for the 2026 year. They are looking at up to 5% raise for each employee in the office and giving it however the office holder sees fit. So, for example the Auditor has 4 employees, I can give 2 employees 3% each and the other 2 7% each.

**Other Information**

**Committee Reports:**

Economic Development — Andrew Decker

SEI Regional Planning Committee — Diane Macek

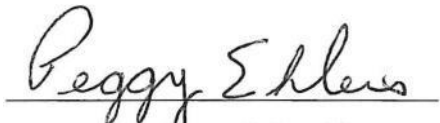
Solid Waste District - David Tebbing

Grants Committee - Stan Wiedeman

**Motion:** Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to Adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved** by Stan Wiedeman, **Seconded** by Ron Decker. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.

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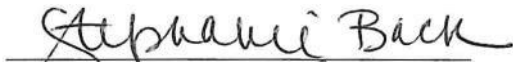
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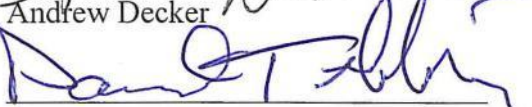
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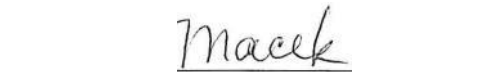
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Auditor, Ripley County Amy Copeland