

Ripley County Council Meeting
August 19, 2024

Councilman President, Ron Decker, opened the County Council Meeting with the Pledge of the Allegiance.

Roll Call.

Present: Ron Decker, President, Katie Bailey, Stan Wiedman, David Tebbing, Peg Ehlers, Diane Macek, Andrew Decker, John Ertel, Attorney, & Dawn Jordan, 1st Deputy Auditor.

Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the July 15, 2024 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approved, **Moved by** Stan Wiedeman, **Seconded by** David Tebbing. Motion passed, 7 yes.

Transfers 2024				
Sheriff	\$1,524.00	1001.42155.000.0007 County General/New Vehicle Equipment	1001.31300.000.0007 County General/Auto Insurance	Insurance for new vehicles
Note:	Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by David Tebbing, Seconded by Diane Macek. Motion passed, 7 yes.			
Sheriff	\$29,621.70	1001.42155.000.0007 County General/New Vehicle Equipment	1001.25700.000.0007 County General/Garage & Motors	Insurance check for wrecked vehicle used to purchase new Dodge
Note:	Motion: Councilman Andrew Decker made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Andrew Decker, Seconded by Peg Ehlers. Motion passed, 7 yes.			
Auditor	\$5,000.00	1001.13400.000.0018 County General/Unemployment	1001.36400.000.0018 County General/Liability Insurance	To cover deductible for the Willard case.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by David Tebbing, Seconded by Katie Bailey. Motion passed, 7 yes.			
Auditor	\$663.00	1001.13400.000.0018 County General/Unemployment	1001.31300.000.0018 County General/Auto Insurance	To cover EMA new vehicle
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Seconded by Katie Bailey. Motion passed, 7 yes.			

Circuit Court	\$500.00	1001.32301.000.0020 County General/Equipment Service	1001.32600.000.0020 County General/Mileage	To cover the mileage for several conferences/trainings that are coming up
Note:	Motion: Councilwoman Bailey made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Katie Bailey, Seconded by Andrew Decker. Motion passed, 7 yes.			
Court Services	\$30.11	9127.32600.000.0000 JDAI/Training	9127.34400.000.0000 JDAI/Telephone	To cover telephone cost
Note:	Motion: Councilwoman Bailey made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Katie Bailey, Seconded by Peg Ehlers. Motion passed, 7 yes.			
Highway	\$152.00	1176.43100.000.0027 Highway/Machinery	1176.36400.000.0027 Highway/Liability	To cover insurance for new loader
Note:	Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by David Tebbing, Seconded by Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed, 7 yes.			
Surveyor	\$2,200.00	1001.11201.000.0008 County General/First Deputy	1001.11600.000.0008 County General/Clerical	First Deputy quit. Using money for PT help until new hire.
Note:	Motion: Councilwoman Ehlers made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Peg Ehlers, Seconded by Diane Macek. Motion passed, 7 yes.			
Additional Appropriations				
Park	\$500.00	9205.36104.000.0000 RCCF-Hog Barn Repair Grant		Grant to repair hog barn at the park
Note:	Motion: Councilman Andrew Decker made the motion to approve the above appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Andrew Decker, Seconded by David Tebbing. Motion passed, 7 yes.			

New Business:

Rick Anderson – Jail Project (Handout – Ripley County Jail Energy Savings Project)

Mr. Anderson provided budget costs and savings for the needed repairs and replacements at the Ripley County Jail. There were questions regarding costs and the guarantee of savings/rebates.

Repair of the jail shower room floors were brought up. (Handout given by Mr. Anderson – Ripley County Jail Energy Savings Project – Picture of Shower Room Floors). **Council will discuss repair of jail floors at a later date.**

Councilman Wiedeman asked about the new cook range, that was previously spoke about. Rick stated that he removed that item due to the cost of a quoted range; \$29,000.00. ***Commissioner Mark Horstman shared with Council that he will be talking to the Jail Cook to see what size cook range is really needed.***

Motion: Councilman Tebbing made a motion to table the jail project discussion until more information is obtained. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** David Tebbing, **Seconded by** Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed, 6 yes, 1 (Katie Bailey) no.

Katie was asked why she voted no for tabling the discussion. Katie stated that she didn't know what additional information is needed in order to make a decision. It was suggested to make a motion to move forward with the jail project excluding the solar panels so that the solar panels can be discussed further. Councilwoman, Peg Ehlers asked Mr. Anderson, if they decide by next month, will the cost of Solar go up. Mr. Anderson said it shouldn't.

Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made a motion to rescind the motion to table the jail project discussion until more information is obtained. **Action:** Rescind, **Moved by** Stan Wiedeman, **Seconded by** David Tebbing. Motion passed, 7 yes.

Motion: Councilwoman Ehlers made a motion to move forward with the jail project excluding the solar panels. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Peggy Ehlers, **Seconded by** Diane Macek. Motion passed, 7 yes.

Mr. Anderson stated that he will get Council additional information regarding the solar panels including information of Veregy's completed solar projects.

Old Business: None

Other Information:

Prosecutor Ric Hertel wanted to share with Council that due to a current opening/being short staffed, in his department, that he would like to bring on a part-time employee using the remaining salary for the year, see how it goes and possibly hire them full-time.

Sheriff Rob Bradley approached Council to thank them for moving forward with the needed repairs and replacements to the jail but wanted to let them know that he believes that even after this project is completed, there is/will be a need for a new facility, possibly 150 beds and room given for better segregation among inmates.

Committee Report

Economic Development - Andrew Decker - none

Technology Committee - Katie Bailey - none

SEI Reg. Planning Comm. - Diane Macek - none

Solid Waste District - David Tebbing - none

Grants Committee - Stan Wiedeman - none

Motion: Councilwoman Ehlers made a motion to adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Peg Ehlers, **Seconded by** Katie Bailey. Motion passed, 7 yes.

Respectfully submitted,

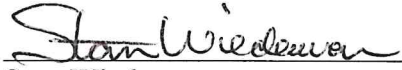
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