Ripley County Council Meeting

February 20, 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 Wiedeman, Andrew Decker, Peg Ehlers, Diane Macek David Tebbing, Amy Copeland, Auditor & John Ertel, Attorney. Andrew Decker was absent until 6:32pm.

Motion: Councilman Ehlers made the motion to approve the January 16, 2024 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approved, **Moved by** Peg Ehlers, **Seconded by** Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes and 1 absent.

| Transfers 2024 | | | | | | |
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| Sheriff | \$33.00 | 1001.32303.000.0014 Cty Gen/Elevator Maintenance | 1001.31300.000.0014 Cty Gen/Auto Insurance | Increase in auto insurance | | |
| 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. | | | | | |
| Health | \$2,000.00 | 1161.37812.000.0000 Local Public Health (HFI)/Accreditation | 1161.11160.000.0000 Local Public Health (HFI)/County Nurse | To give her money out of the HFI that she did not get during budget hearings | | |
| Health | \$2,000.00 | 1161.37812.000.0000 Local Public Health (HFI)/Accreditation | 1161.112200.000.0000 Local Public Health (HFI)/Clinic Assistant- Assistant Administration | To give her money out of the HFI that she did not get during budget hearings | | |
| Note: | Motion: Councilman Bailey made the motion to approve the above 2 transfers, Action: Approve, Moved by Katie Bailey, Seconded by Diane Macek. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent. | | | | | |
| Health | \$6,000.00 | 1161.37812.000.0000 Local Public Health (HFI)/Accreditation | 1161.37800.000.0000 Local Public Health (HFI)/Contractual Services | To be able to serve the public better | | |
| Health | \$7,000.00 | 1161.39955.000.0000 Local Public Health (HFI)/Car Seats | 1161.37800.000.0000 Local Public Health (HFI)/Contractual Services | To be able to serve the public better | | |

| Health | \$50,000.00 | 1161.37811.000.0000 Local Public Health (HFI)/Grants | 1161.37800.000.0000 Local Public Health (HFI)/Contractual Services | To be able to serve the public better |
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| Health | \$7,000.00 | 1161.39957.000.0000 Local Public Health (HFI)/Helmets | 1161.37800.000.0000 Local Public Health (HFI)/Contractual Services | To be able to serve the public better |
| Health | \$10,000.00 | 1161.39958.000.0000 Local Public Health (HFI)/Gym Vouchers | 1161.37800.000.0000 Local Public Health (HFI)/Contractual Services | To be able to serve the public better |
| Health | \$10,000.00 | 1161.39959.000.0000 Local Public Health (HFI)/Nutrition Classes | 1161.37800.000.0000 Local Public Health (HFI)/Contractual Services | To be able to serve the public better |
| Health | \$500.00 | 1161.32200.000.0000 Local Public Health (HFI)/Dues | 1161.37800.000.0000 Local Public Health (HFI)/Contractual Services | To be able to serve the public better |
| Health | \$5,000.00 | 1161.32720.000.0000 Local Public Health (HFI)/Registration & Conference Fees | 1161.37800.000.0000 Local Public Health (HFI)/Contractual Services | To be able to serve the public better |
| Health | \$4,000.00 | 1161.32732.000.0000 Local Public Health (HFI)/Marketing & Prevention | 1161.37800.000.0000 Local Public Health (HFI)/Contractual Services | To be able to serve the public better |
| Health | \$14,000.00 | 1161.34550.000.0000 Local Public Health (HFI)/Vaccines | 1161.37800.000.0000 Local Public Health (HFI)/Contractual Services | To be able to serve the public better |
| Health | \$8,381.44 | 1161.34800.000.0000 Local Public Health (HFI)/Travel Expense | 1161.37800.000.0000 Local Public Health (HFI)/Contractual Services | To be able to serve the public better |
| Note: | Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above 11 transfers, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Seconded by Katie Bailey. | | | |

Additional Appropriations

| Court Services | \$15,000.00 | 9127.32395.000.0000 JDAI (A)/Professional Services | To appropriate grant money | | |
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| Note: | Motion: Councilman Ehlers made the motion to approve the above Additional Appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Peg Ehlers, Seconded by David Tebbing. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent. | | | | |
| Court Services | \$3,000.00 | 4300.37810.000.0338 Court Ordered Testing/Misc Services & Charges | To appropriate money for misc. items | | |
| Note: | Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above Additional Appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Seconded by Diane Macek. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent. | | | | |
| Court Services | \$22,039.00 | 1237.37800.000.0000 Opioid Restricted/Contractual | To appropriate the money the Commissioners gave them out of Opioid | | |
| Note: | Motion: Councilman Macek made the motion to approve the above Additional Appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Diane Macek, Seconded by David Tebbing. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent. | | | | |
| Clerk | \$2,000.00 | 1001.11298.000.0002 County General/Elected Official | To receive pay the clerk in titled too pursuit IC3-7-12-22 The clerk will budget for this next year 2025 | | |
| Note: | Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above Additional Appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by David Tebbing, Seconded by Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent. | | | | |

New Business•

EMA — Randy Miller

Mr. Miller was in to talk to the Council about the solar eclipse. He is wanting to appropriate money out of the public safety funds for that day to cover 911, Sheriff and EMS overtime and any other things that may come up that day. He is thinking around \$30,000.00. The Council is also wanting to give each fire department \$2,000.00 for the day since they are covering each station at full force. The Council stated to turn in an appropriation for the March meeting.

Mr. Miller also wanted the Council to know about his resignation. He also stated that he thinks that the position needs to be full time. The Council told him the Commissioners need to make the position full time or part time and the Council will decide a pay for the position.

The Council discussed the Rainy-Day fund. Ten percent of the balance in the County General fund after December 2023 was \$96,489.10 and 10% of the balance in the Edit fund after December 2023 was \$7,976.08. **Motion:** Councilman Ehlers made the motion to move \$96,489.10 from County General to Rainy-Day, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Peg Ehlers, **Seconded by** Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 7 yes.

Motion: Councilman A. Decker made the motion to move \$7,976.08 from EDIT to Rainy-Day, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Andrew Decker, **Seconded by** Diane Macek. Motion passed 7 yes.

Committee Reports:

| Economic Development — Andrew Decker — Mr. Decker stated that the READI 2.0 grant is going great. He |
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| also stated that there are some new projects being looked into for Ripley County they will be very beneficia |
| He also stated that the new EV charger will be going into the Economic Development parking lot. |

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 Ehlers made the motion to Adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Peggy Ehlers, **Seconded by** Andrew Decker. Motion passed 7 yes.

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