

Ripley County Council Meeting

January 16, 2024

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, Andrew Decker, Ron Decker, David Tebbing, Amy Copeland, Auditor & John Ertel, Attorney. Diane Macek was absent.

Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the December 18, 2023 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approved, **Moved by** David Tebbing, **Seconded by** Katie Bailey. Motion passed 6 yes and 1 absent.

Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to nominate Councilman Ron Decker to be Council President for the year 2024, **Action:** Approved, **Moved by** David Tebbing, **Seconded by** Peggy Ehlers. Motion passed 6 yes and 1 absent.

Councilman President Ron Decker proceeded with the meeting.

Transfers 2023				
Coroner	\$6,685.33	1001.12301.000.0010 Cty Gen/PT Deputy	1001.49000.000.0010 Cty Gen/Equipment	Cover funding on new radios
Coroner	\$200.00	1001.25355.000.0010 Cty Gen/Supplies & Materials	1001.49000.000.0010 Cty Gen/Equipment	Cover funding on new radios
Coroner	\$600.00	1001.25800.000.0010 Cty Gen/Uniforms	1001.49000.000.0010 Cty Gen/Equipment	Cover funding on new radios
Coroner	\$585.27	1001.28900.000.0010 Cty Gen/Gas, Oil & Lube	1001.49000.000.0010 Cty Gen/Equipment	Cover funding on new radios
Coroner	\$723.97	1001.32600.000.0010 Cty Gen/Training	1001.49000.000.0010 Cty Gen/Equipment	Cover funding on new radios
Coroner	\$36.60	1001.32700.000.0010 Cty Gen/Mileage, Fuel	1001.49000.000.0010 Cty Gen/Equipment	Cover funding on new radios
Coroner	\$7,066.00	1001.34600.000.0010 Cty Gen/Autopsy	1001.49000.000.0010 Cty Gen/Equipment	Cover funding on new radios
Coroner	\$969.14	1001.36500.000.0010 Cty Gen/Other Supplies	1001.49000.000.0010 Cty Gen/Equipment	Cover funding on new radios
Note:	Motion: Councilman A. Decker made the motion to approve the above 8 transfers, Action: Approve, Moved by Andrew Decker, Seconded by Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 5 yes, 1 abstain, & 1 absent.			
EMA	\$450.00	1001.35800.000.0016 Cty Gen/Vehicle Maint.	1001.25300.000.0016 Cty Gen/Office Supplies	To be able to pay for the end of the year invoices

EMA	\$1.00	1001.35800.000.0016 Cty Gen/Vehicle Maint.	1001.36200.000.0016 Cty Gen/Emergency Plan	Short fall on invoice
EMA	\$41.00	1001.32800.000.0016 Cty Gen/Meetings	1001.34400.000.0016 Cty Gen/Telephone	Remaining 2023 bill
EMA	\$988.00	1001.36300.000.0016 Cty Gen/EOC Repair	1001.49000.000.0016 Cty Gen/Equipment	New EMA Radio
Note:	Motion: Councilman Bailey made the motion to approve the above 4 transfers, Action: Approve, Moved by Katie Bailey, Seconded by Peggy Ehlers. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Park	\$2,400.00	1219.15100.000.0050 Cty Gen/Assistant	1219.33380.000.0050 Cty Gen/Water	To cover water bill due to a leak
Note:	Motion: Councilman A. Decker made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Andrew Decker, Seconded by Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Highway	\$8,754.54	1176.18100.000.0027 Hwy/Perf	1176.32490.000.0027 Hwy/Stone	To correct negative for end of year
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.			
Highway	\$1,006.93	1135.25700.000.0033 Cum Bridge/Garage & Motors	1135.28900.000.0033 Cum Bridge/Gas, Oil & Lube	To correct negative for end of year
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Seconded by Andrew Decker. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Auditor	\$470.57	1112.18100.000.0055 EMS Edit/Perf	1112.12600.000.0055 EMS Edit/Social Sec.	To cover short fall
Note:	Motion: Councilman Bailey made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Katie Bailey, Seconded by Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Superior Court	\$82.00	1001.25100.000.0022 Cty Gen/Copy Supplies	1001.25300.000.0022 Cty Gen/Office Supplies	To cover short fall in 2023
Note:	Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by David Tebbing, Seconded by Peggy Ehlers. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Transfers 2024				

Treasurer	\$7.22	1001.32305.000.0005 Cty Gen/Printer Maint	1001.32200.000.0005 Cty Gen/Dues	To cover short fall on 2024 dues owed
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Seconded by Andrew Decker. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Sheriff	\$11,212.00	1001.14999.000.0007 Cty Gen/Longevity Holt	1001.11300.000.0007 Cty Gen/2nd Deputy Holt	Transferring longevity into payroll account
Sheriff	\$10,606.00	1001.15299.000.0007 Cty Gen/Longevity Houseworth	1001.11400.000.0007 Cty Gen/3rd Deputy Houseworth	Transferring longevity into payroll account
Sheriff	\$2,554.00	1001.15010.000.0007 Cty Gen/Longevity Reichert	1001.11500.000.0007 Cty Gen/4th Deputy Reichert	Transferring longevity into payroll account
Sheriff	\$2,554.00	1001.15020.000.0007 Cty Gen/Longevity Hunger	1001.11800.000.0007 Cty Gen/5th Deputy Hunger	Transferring longevity into payroll account
Sheriff	\$2,712.00	1001.11501.000.0014 Cty Gen/Longevity Curl	1001.18200.000.0014 Cty Gen/Jail Administrator Curl	Transferring longevity into payroll account
Sheriff	\$2,712.00	1001.11501.000.0014 Cty Gen/Longevity Adkinson	1001.18400.000.0014 Cty Gen/Matron Adkinson	Transferring longevity into payroll account
Note:	Motion: Councilman A. Decker made the motion to approve the above 6 transfers, Action: Approve, Moved by Andrew Decker, Seconded by Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Auditor	\$4,973.00	1001.13400.000.0018 Cty Gen/Unemployment	1001.31300.000.0018 Cty Gen/Auto	Insurance Increase
Auditor	\$7,694.00	1001.13400.000.0018 Cty Gen/Unemployment	1001.36400.000.0018 Cty Gen/Liability	Insurance Increase
Note:	Motion: Councilman Ehlers made the motion to approve the above 2 transfers, Action: Approve, Moved by Peggy Ehlers, Seconded by Andrew Decker. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Additional Appropriations				
Sheriff	\$1,000.00	1001.11800.000.0007 Cty Gen/5th Deputy Hunger		Promoted to Corporal

Note:	Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation Action: Approve Moved by David Tebbing, Seconded by Andrew Decker. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		
Sheriff	\$50.00	1001.15020.000.0007 Cty Gen/Longevity Hunger	Promoted to Corporal
Note:	Motion: Councilman A. Decker made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation Action: Approve Moved by Andrew Decker Seconded by Stan Wiedeman. 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 Tebbing made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation Action: Approve Moved by David Tebbing Seconded by Peggy Ehlers. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		
Court Services	\$1,640.00	9194.25300.000.0000 Community Corrections (B)/Office Supplies	To purchase workbooks for our CADS program
Note:	Motion: Councilman Bailey made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation Action: Approve Moved by Katie Bailey Seconded by Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		
Court Services	\$27,860.00	9194.32420.000.0000 Community Corrections (B)/Court Ordered Testing	To purchase drug screen supplies
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.		
Court Services	\$5,000.00	9201.43800.000.0000 RSRF Jail Programs/Furniture and Fixtures	To appropriate grant money
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation Action: Approve Moved by Stan Wiedeman Seconded by Katie Bailey. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		
Court Services	\$3,034.00	9202.25300.000.0000 In Juv Behavioral Grant/Office Supplies	To appropriate grant money
Court Services	\$44,000.00	9202.32395.000.0000 In Juv Behavioral Grant/Professional Services	To appropriate grant money
Court Services	\$986.00	9202.32600.000.0000 In Juv Behavioral Grant/Training	To appropriate grant money
Court Services	\$84,040.00	9202.37800.000.0000 In Juv Behavioral Grant/Contractual Services	To appropriate grant money

Court Services	\$1,740.00	9202.49000.000.0000 In Juv Behavioral Grant/Equipment	To appropriate grant money
Court Services	\$1,993.00	9202.49000.000.0000 In Juv Behavioral Grant/Furniture & Fixtures	To appropriate grant money
Note:	Motion: Councilman Bailey made the motion to approve the above 6 additional appropriations Action: Approve Moved by Katie Bailey, Seconded by Andrew Decker. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		
Commissioner/ Auditor	\$778,927.02	8950.41004.000.0000 ARP Funds/Courthouse Renovation	Courthouse renovation
Note:	Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation Action: Approve Moved by David Tebbing, Seconded by Peggy Ehlers. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		
Commissioner/ Auditor	\$700,000.00	7400.41004.000.0000 Riverboat/Courthouse Renovation	Courthouse renovation
Note:	Motion: Councilman Ehlers made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Peggy Ehlers, Seconded by Katie Bailey. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		
Commissioner/ Auditor	\$1,500,000.00	1186.41004.000.0000 Rainey Day/Courthouse Renovation	Courthouse renovation
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:

Coroner – Jason Bailey

Mr. Bailey was in to talk to the Council about the Coroner salary ordinance. He would like to change it to On-Call go to scene \$250.00, On-Call but can do from home \$125.00, and anyone that gets an On-Call that is in training \$125.00.

Motion: Councilman Ehlers made the motion to approve the above salary ordinance change, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Peggy Ehlers, **Seconded by** Andrew Decker. Motion passed 5 yes, 1 abstain & 1 absent.

Sheriff – Rob Bradley & Lee Davidson

Mr. Davidson spoke first on the Solar Eclipse that is to happen on April 8, 2024. Mr. Davidson stated that there is a meeting on this on Thursday, January 18, 2024.

Sheriff Bradley spoke on hiring the medical portion of the jail out to an outside company. This would help take the liability off the sheriff for the nurse that is on staff. The company that he is wanting to hire is Southern Health partners. The Council gave there blessing for this to happen.

Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to appoint Amy Streator to the Batesville Economic Development Commission for the year 2024, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Stan Wiedeman, **Seconded by** Peggy Ehlers. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.

Motion: Councilman A. Decker made the motion to appoint Holly Wehr and Jeff Volz to the Ripley County Redevelopment for the year 2024, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Andrew Decker **Seconded by** Peggy Ehlers. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.

Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve Attorney John Ertel’s contract for the 2024 year, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Stan Wiedeman, **Seconded by** Katie Bailey. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.

Old Business:

Motion: Councilman A. Decker made the motion to change the per diem on meals to \$55.00 a day, this is for in state or out of state, and to change the mileage rate to \$.55 per mile, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Andrew Decker, **Seconded by** David Tebbing. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.

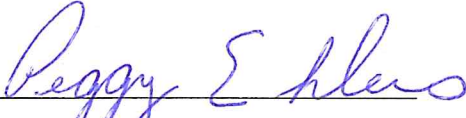
Committee Reports:

- 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 Ehlers made the motion to Adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Peggy Ehlers, **Seconded by** Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.

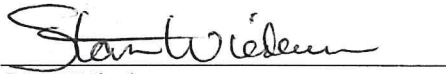
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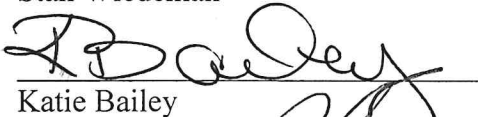
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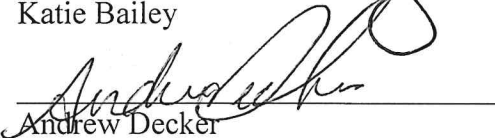
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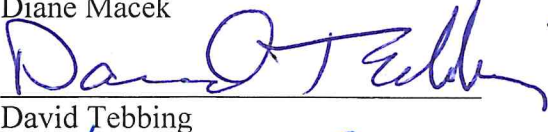
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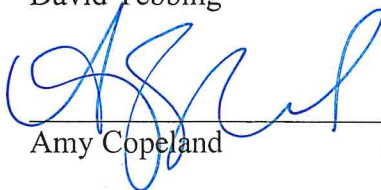
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Amy Copeland Auditor, Ripley County

ATTEST:

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