

## Ripley County Council Meeting

January 21, 2025

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

**Roll Call.**

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

**Motion:** Councilman A. Decker made the motion to approve the December 16, 2024 meeting minutes. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Andrew Decker, **Seconded by** David Tebbing. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 abstain.

**Motion:** Councilman R. Decker made the motion to make Peg Ehlers the Council President for the year 2025.

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ron Decker, **Seconded by** Peg Ehlers. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 abstain.

**Motion:** Councilman Ehlers made the motion to make Ron Decker President Pro Tem for the year 2025. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Peg Ehlers, **Seconded by** Andrew Decker. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 abstain.

### Transfers 2024

HEALTH	\$0.02	1161.12600.00000.0000 HFI/SS	1161.11160.00000.0000 HFI/COUTNY NURSE	TO TAKE OUT OF RED FOR END OF YEAR
HEALTH	\$616.06	8252.11603.00000.0000 IMMUNIZAION & VACCINE/CLERICAL NURSE ASST	8252.25300.00000.0000 IMMUNIZAION & VACCINE/OFFICE SUPPLIES	TO TAKE OUT OF RED FOR END OF YEAR
HEALTH	\$2,922.67	1159.11231.00000.0034 HEALTH GEN/EHS SEPTIC SYSTEM	1159.11152.00000.0034 HEALTH GEN/ ADMINISTRATOR	TO COVER PAYOUT OF EMPLOYEE
HEALTH	\$479.85	1159.11231.00000.0034 HEALTH GEN/EHS SEPTIC SYSTEM	1159.18100.00000.0034 HEALTH GEN/PERF	TO COVER PAYOUT OF EMPLOYEE
PARK	\$400.00	1219.32340.00000.0050 PARK/LAWN & GROUND CARE	1219.33230.00000.0050 PARK/EQUIPMENT MAINT	TO COVER END OF YEAR MAINTENANCE
SHERIFF	\$258.09	1001.28600.00000.0014 CTY GEN/SALT SUPPLY	1001.13801.00000.0007 CTY GEN/OVERTIME	OVERTIME COVERAGE FOR LAST PAYROLL
COMMISSIONERS	\$2,065.53	1001.12600.00000.0018 CTY GEN/SS	1001.41004.00000.0018 CTY GEN/CRT HOUSE RENOVATION	TO TAKE OUT OF RED FOR END OF YEAR
CLERK	\$1,287.00	1001.15303.00000.0003 CTY GEN/BOARD MEMBERS	1001.11300.00000.0003 CTY GEN/SECOND DEPUTY	TO TAKE OUT OF RED FOR END OF YEAR

COURT SERVICES	\$799.13	9176.32395.00000.0000 JDAI/PROFESSIONAL SERVICIES	9176.32600.00000.0000 JDAI/TRAINING	TO TAKE OUT OF RED FOR END OF YEAR
911	\$499.33	1112.13300.00000.0278 EDIT 911/GROUP INS	1112.46100.00000.0278 EDIT 911/COMPUTER SYSTEM	TO TAKE OUT OF RED FOR END OF YEAR
911	\$174.05	1112.13300.00000.0278 EDIT 911/GROUP INS	1112.18100.00000.0278 EDIT 911/PERF	TO COVER PAYOUT OF EMPLOYEE
911	\$602.71	1112.13300.00000.0278 EDIT 911/GROUP INS	1112.12600.00000.0278 EDIT 911/SS	TO COVER PAYOUT OF EMPLOYEE
911	\$54.10	1222.11260.00000.0045 911/ TELECOMMUNICATOR	1222.17301.00000.0045 911/ TELECOMMUNICATOR	TO COVER PAYOUT OF EMPLOYEE
911	\$1,745.07	1222.11261.00000.0045 911/ASST DIRECTOR	1222.17310.00000.0045 911/ASST NIGHT SUPERVISOR	TO COVER SALARY CHANGE
911	\$1,745.07	1222.11261.00000.0045 911/ASST DIRECTOR	1222.17311.00000.0045 911/ASST DAY SUPERVISOR	TO COVER SALARY CHANGE
TECH	\$2,491.35	1001.25600.00000.0053 CTY GEN/POSTAGE	1001.37807.00000.0053 CTY GEN/POSTAGE LEASE	TO COVER LEASE PAYMENT
COMMISSIONERS	\$883.19	1138.43100.00000.0274 CUM CAP/MACH & EQUIPMENT	1138.36104.00000.0274 CUM CAP/BUILDING REPAIRS	TO TAKE OUT OF RED FOR END OF YEAR
HIGHWAY	\$2,333.50	1176.25700.00000.0027 HWY/GARAGE & MOTORS	1176.28900.00000.0027 HWY/GAS OIL & LUBE	TO TAKE OUT OF RED FOR END OF YEAR
HIGHWAY	\$908.52	1176.25700.00000.0027 HWY/GARAGE & MOTORS	1176.19811.00000.0027 HWY/LEAD MECHANIC	TO TAKE OUT OF RED FOR END OF YEAR
HIGHWAY	\$19.24	1135.25700.00000.0033 CUM BRIDGE/GARAGE & MOTORS	1135.25700.00000.0033 CUM BRIDGE/BRIDGE CREW	TO TAKE OUT OF RED FOR END OF YEAR

<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above 20 transfers, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Stan Wiedeman, <b>Seconded by</b> David Tebbing. Motion passed 7 yes.			
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<b>Transfers 2025</b>				
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HEALTH	\$9,800.00	9178.11603.00000.0000 COVID VACCINE CLINIC/CLERICAL NURSE	9178.11600.00000.0000 COVID VACCINE CLINIC/CLERICAL	MOVE MONEY FOR MORE CLERICAL
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<b>Note:</b>	No Motion			
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AUDITOR	\$46,388.00	1001.12504.00000.0012 CTY GEN/SUPERIOR CT CASE MANAGER	1001.37805.00000.0012 CTY GEN / CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	TO PAY SHIELDS AS A CONTRACTED INDIVIDUAL
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<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above transfer, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> David Tebbing, <b>Seconded by</b> Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 7 yes.			
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<b>Additional Appropriations</b>				
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COMM/ COUNCIL	\$1,221,551.00	1233.41004.00000.0000 LIT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES/COURTHOUSE RENOVATION		VEREGY JAIL PROJECT
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<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> R. Decker, <b>Seconded by</b> Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 7 yes.			
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COMM/ COUNCIL	\$100,000.00	1233.36104.00000.0000 LIT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES/BUILDING REPAIRS		TO USE FOR JAIL MAINTENANCE
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<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>Seconded by</b> Andrew Decker. Motion passed 7 yes.			
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COURT SERVICES	\$34.00	9183.11330.00000.0000 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS/FIELD PERSON	SALARY ORDINANCE APPROVED DEC 16, 2024
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman A. Decker made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Andrew Decker, <b>Seconded by</b> David Tebbing. Motion passed 7 yes.		
COURT SERVICES	\$862.00	9194.11330.00000.0000 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS/FIELD PERSON	SALARY ORDINANCE APPROVED DEC 16, 2024
<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>Seconded by</b> Ron Decker. Motion passed 7 yes.		
COURT SERVICES	\$7,567.00	1122.11330.00000.0000 PROJECT INCOME/FIELD PERSON	SALARY ORDINANCE APPROVED DEC 16, 2024
COURT SERVICES	\$546.00	1122.12600.00000.0000 PROJECT INCOME/SS	SALARY ORDINANCE APPROVED DEC 16, 2024
COURT SERVICES	\$6,867.00	1122.18100.00000.0000 PROJECT INCOME/PERF	SALARY ORDINANCE APPROVED DEC 16, 2024
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman Macek made the motion to approve the above 3 additional appropriations, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Diane Macek, <b>Seconded by</b> David Tebbing. Motion passed 7 yes.		
COURT SERVICES	\$10,000.00	1237.37800.00000.0000 OPIOID RESTRICTED/CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	TO CONTINUE PROGRAMS WITH FUNDING
COURT SERVICES	\$31,800.00	1237.32395.00000.0000 OPIOID RESTRICTED/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	TO CONTINUE PROGRAMS WITH FUNDING
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above 2 additional appropriations, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Stan Wiedeman, <b>Seconded by</b> Diane Macek. Motion passed 7 yes.		

COURT SERVICES	\$8,865.65	9176.32395.00000.0000 JDAI 'B'/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	TO APPROPRIATE GRANT MONEY
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman A. Decker made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Andrew Decker, <b>Seconded by</b> Diane Macek. Motion passed 7 yes.		

**New Business:**

**Gary Norman – Economic Development**

Mr. Norman was in to talk to the Council about the comprehensive plan for Ripley County. The plan is going to cost \$115,000.00. Mr. Norman did receive a \$40,000.00 grant from the Rising Sun Regional Foundation. This will bring the cost to \$75,000.00.

**Motion:** Councilman R. Decker made the motion to approve the paying for the comprehensive plan out of EDIT for \$75,000.00, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ron Decker, **Seconded by** Diane Macek. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 abstain.

Councilman R. Decker talked to the Council about their Park Board Appointment not showing up for meetings. This appointment does have to be a democrat and there have been a couple people ask about the position.

Commissioner Horstman got up and spoke to the Council about the Courthouse Renovation. He asked each Council to take the time to go look at the construction. He stated to them the contractors are doing a fantastic job.

**Jason Smith – Health Board**

Mr. Smith was in about the reappointment that the Council is now in charge of. This is the appointment of a general public representative.

**Motion:** Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to reappoint Jason Smith to the Ripley County Health Board, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Stan Wiedeman, **Seconded by** Ron Decker. Motion passed 7 yes.

**Rob Bradley - Sheriff**

Councilman R. Decker asked the sheriff about Christmas Decorations on a Sheriff vehicle that he seen in the City of Batesville. Mr. Bradley stated that it is good to see the employees excited about Christmas.

Sheriff Bradley also gave an update on Fleet Enterprises. Sheriff Bradly also talked to the Council about using a different company for the food contract at the jail. If they would go with a different contract, it could lower the cost of a meal to \$.85 a meal.

**Motion:** Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the County Attorney Contract for Services for the 2025 year, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Stan Wiedeman, **Seconded by** Andrew Decker. Motion passed 7 yes.

**Motion:** Councilman A. Decker made the motion to approve the Written Investment Policy, effective January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2028. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Andrew Decker, **Seconded by** David Tebbing. Motion passed 7 yes.

**Motion:** Councilman R. Decker made the motion to reappoint Amy Streator to the Batesville Economic Development for the year 2025, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ron Decker, **Seconded by** Diane Macek. Motion passed 7 yes.

**Motion:** Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to reappoint Jeff Volz & Holly Wehr to the Ripley County Redevelopment Commission, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Stan Wiedeman, **Seconded by** Andrew Decker. Motion passed 7 yes.

**Motion:** Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to appoint Diane Macek to the Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Stan Wiedeman, **Seconded by** David Tebbing. Motion passed 7 yes.

**Motion:** Councilman R. Decker made the motion to appoint David Tebbing to the Southeastern Indiana Solid Waste District. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ron Decker, **Seconded by** Andrew Decker. Motion passed 7 yes.

**Motion:** Councilman A. Decker made the motion to appoint Ron Decker to the Technology Committee. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Andrew Decker, **Seconded by** David Tebbing. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 abstain.

**Old Business:**

The Council asked the Auditor to get the amounts ready for the Rainy Day Fund for the February meeting.

The Council also talked about the 2026 raises. The Council made a committee to meet before the February meeting. The committee consist of Stan Wiedeman, Andrew Decker and Diane Macek.

**Other Information**


**Committee Reports:**

- Economic Development – Andrew Decker
- Technology Committee – Ron Decker
- SEI Regional Planning Committee – Diane Macek
- Solid Waste District - David Tebbing
- Grants Committee - Stan Wiedeman

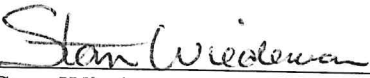
**Motion:** Councilman R. Decker made the motion to Adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Ron Decker, **Seconded by** Diane Macek. Motion passed 7 yes.

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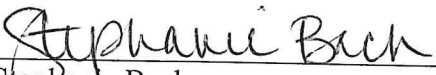
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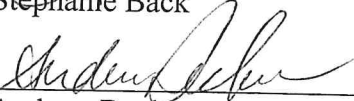
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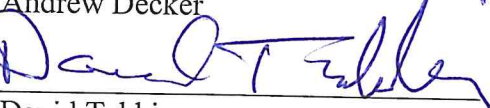
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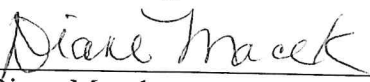
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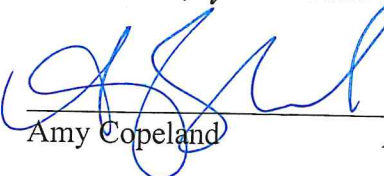
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Auditor, Ripley County

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