

Ripley County Council Meeting

June 16, 2025

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

Roll Call.

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

Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the May 19, 2025 meeting minutes. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** David Tebbing, **Seconded by** Andrew Decker. Motion passed 7 yes.

Transfers 2025				
Superior Court	\$2,000.00	1001.36600.00000.0022 Cty Gen/Pauper Counsel	1001.36800.00000.0022 Cty Gen/Pauper Transcripts	Justin Kirby appeal - Lengthy transcript
Note:	Motion: Councilman R Decker made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Ron Decker, Second by Diane Macek. Motion passed 7 yes.			
Health	\$19,000.00	8118.25309.00000.0583 \$7000.00 8118.29591.00000.0583 \$8000.00 8118.29573.00000.0583 \$2000.00 8118.43150.00000.0583 \$2000.00 Bioterrism	8118.47100.00000.0583 Bioterrism/Building Improv	To purchase 2 sheds for storage for EMS Milan and Versailles
Note:	Motion: Councilman R Decker made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Ron Decker, Second by Andrew Decker. Motion passed 7 yes.			
Additional Appropriations				
Auditor	\$637,000.00	8950.37813.00000.0000 ARP/Sunman Sewer		Sunman Sewer Project out of ARP money
Note:	Motion: Councilman A Decker made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Andrew Decker, Second by Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 7 yes.			

Auditor	\$17,000.00	8950.41006.00000.0000 ARP/Annex Chiller	To replace the chiller in the annex
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Second by Andrew Decker. Motion passed 7 yes.		
Court Services	\$51,241.88	1001.41000.00000.0021 Cty Gen/Motor Vehicles	To purchase a new van
Note:	Motion: Councilman R Decker made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Ron Decker, Second by Andrew Decker. Motion passed 7 yes.		
Court Services	\$1,500.00	1237.25300.00000.0000 Opioid Restricted/Office Supplies	To appropriate money to continue with programs
Note:	Motion: Councilman Macek made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Diane Macek, Second by Stephanie Back. Motion passed 7 yes.		
Court Services	\$11,097.00	9127.25300.00000.0000 JDAI "A"/Office Supplies	To purchase grant related items for a new grant year
Court Services	\$3,051.00	9127.37800.00000.0000 JDAI "A"/Contractual Services	To purchase grant related items for a new grant year
Court Services	\$1,213.00	9127.32600.00000.0000 JDAI "A"/Training	To purchase grant related items for a new grant year
Court Services	\$3,250.00	9127.32703.00000.0000 JDAI "A"/Van Mileage-Maint.	To purchase grant related items for a new grant year
Court Services	\$180.00	9127.34400.00000.0000 JDAI "A"/Telephone	To purchase grant related items for a new grant year
Court Services	\$10,000.00	9127.32395.00000.0000 JDAI "A"/Professional Services	To purchase grant related items for a new grant year
Court Services	\$979.00	9127.43800.00000.0000 JDAI "A"/Furniture & Fixtures	To purchase grant related items for a new grant year

Note:	Motion: Councilman A Decker made the motion to approve the above 7 additional appropriations, Action: Approve, Moved by Andrew Decker, Second by Stephanie Back. Motion passed 7 yes.		
Court Services	\$100.00	9105.37810.00000.0330 Juvenile Substance Abuse/Misc Services & Charges	Appropriate money to pay for program expenses
Court Services	\$2,500.00	9105.43800.00000.0330 Juvenile Substance Abuse/Furniture & Fixtures	Appropriate money to pay for program expenses
Note:	Motion: Councilman A Decker made the motion to approve the above 2 additional appropriations, Action: Approve, Moved by Andrew Decker, Second by Ron Decker. Motion passed 7 yes.		
Sheriff	\$142,000.00	1233.49000.00000.0000 Jail Lit/Equipment	Body security scanning system.
Note:	Motion: Councilman A Decker made the motion to table the above additional appropriation, Action: Tabled, Moved by Andrew Decker, Second by David Tebbing. Motion passed 7 yes.		
Sheriff	\$2,428.00	1233.49000.00000.0000 Jail Lit/Equipment	2 cell guardian devices that monitor inmates' physical condition
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to table the above additional appropriation, Action: Tabled, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Second by Ron Decker. Motion passed 7 yes.		

New Business:

Sheriff – Rob Bradley

The Sheriff discussed the raise for the Sheriff Deputies matrix. The Council told him to put in the raise he wished to get, and they would go over it during budget hearings.

Ripley County Economic Development – Barry Lauber

Mr. Lauber was in to discuss the SEI Ready Grant. SEI Ready is asking for \$5,000.00 from each county for administration purposes.

Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the \$5,000.00 for administration purposes for the SEI Ready Grant, **Action:** Tabled, **Moved by** Stan Wiedeman, **Second by** Ron Decker. Motion passed 6 yes 1 abstain.

Commissioners – Mark Horstman, Jeff Volz & Roger Gullion

The Commissioners discussed the maintenance position under Mr. Herbert, the Maintenance supervisor, and moving it to the Jail to be under the Sheriff supervision. The Council told the Sheriff to do the additional. The Commissioners discussed the wheel and surtax with the Council and told them not to get in any big hurry to pass the tax. The Highway Garage would still like to do 10 miles of paving a year and 150 miles of chip and seal a year. The Highway Garage is thinking about buying a paver for the county. The Commissioners discussed the Jail project and the clock tower project.

Old Business:

Other Information

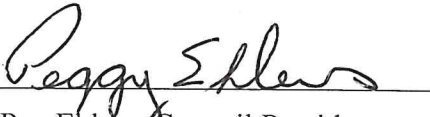
Committee Reports:

Economic Development – Andrew Decker – SEI Ready Grant was discussed and the comprehensive plan.
SEI Regional Planning Committee – Diane Macek – none
Solid Waste District - David Tebbing – Recycling days were discussed and the purchase of 2 new trucks.
Grants Committee - Stan Wiedeman – none

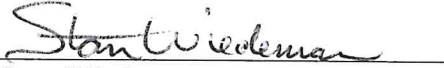
Motion: Councilman Macek made the motion to Adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Diane Macek,
Seconded by Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 7 yes.

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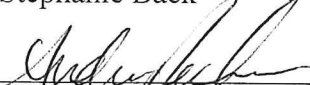
Peg Ehlers, Council President



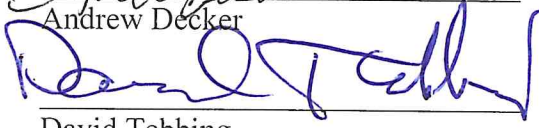
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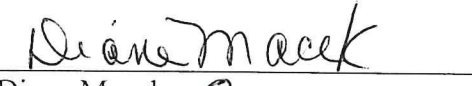
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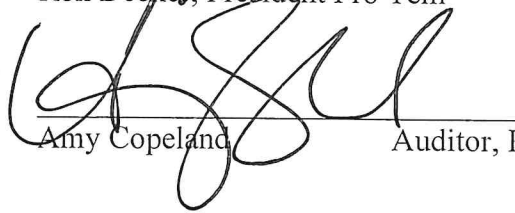
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Amy Copeland

Auditor, Ripley County

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ATTEST: