

Ripley County Council Meeting

March 17, 2025

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

Roll Call.

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

Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the February 18, 2025 meeting minutes. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** David Tebbing, **Seconded by** Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 7 yes.

Transfers 2025				
Court Services	\$428.00	1122.15013.00000.0000 Project Income/Field Person longevity	1122.11330.00000.0000 Project Income/Field Person	To move longevity to the payroll line item.
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.			
Court Services	\$2,160.00	9194.15013.00000.0000 Community Corrections/Field Person Longevity	9194.11330.00000.0000 Community Corrections/Field Person	To move longevity to the payroll line item.
Note:	Motion: Councilman A Decker made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Andrew Decker, Second by David Tebbing. Motion passed 7 yes.			
Auditor	\$5,000.00	1001.13400.00000.0018 Cty Gen/Unemployment	1001.36400.00000.0018 Cty Gen/Liability	To cover deductible for the Ebinger vs Ripley County Case
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Second by David Tebbing. Motion passed 7 yes.			
Additional Appropriations				

911	\$3,240.00	1222.49000.00000.0045 911/Equipment	To buy Batesville 2 mevo phones.
Note:	No Motion		
911	\$60,000.00	1222.41000.00000.0045 911/Motor Vehicle	To purchase a Chevy Tahoe.
Note:	No Motion		
Sheriff	\$10,000.00	1001.31300.00000.0007 Cty Gen/Auto Insurance	Difference with the new enterprise vehicles coming in.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by David Tebbing, Second by Stan Wiedeman. Motion failed 1 yes & 6 no.		
RCRC	\$1,500.00	4911.15300.00000.0000 Redevelopment/RCRC Board	Additional board meetings in 2025 for comprehensive plan.
Note:	Motion: Councilman A Decker made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Andrew Decker, Second by David Tebbing. Motion passed 7 yes.		
RCRC	\$1,000.00	4911.34700.00000.0000 Redevelopment/Liability Insurance	Business Park increased.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Second by Diane Macek. Motion passed 7 yes.		

RCRC	\$3,500.00	4911.37300.00000.0000 Redevelopment/Legal Fees	Additional for legal fees delayed in billing.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by David Tebbing, Second by Andrew Decker. Motion passed 7 yes.		
Health	\$49.38	9178.37800.00000.0000 Covid Vaccine Clinic/Contractual Services	To appropriated everything in the account so it can be zeroed out.
Note:	Motion: Councilman R Decker made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Ron Decker, Second by Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 7 yes.		
Court Services	\$1,650.50	9206.25300.00000.0000 RCDAC Juvenile Services/Office Supplies	To appropriate in the grant fund.
Note:	Motion: Councilman A Decker made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Andrew Decker, Second by David Tebbing. Motion passed 7 yes.		
SISWD	\$37,668.00	Capital Outlay	To purchase a truck.
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.		
Osgood Library	\$550,000.00	Other Services and Charges	
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.		

New Business:

Councilman Ehlers brought it to the Council's attention that they needed a democrat on the park board, Rachel Cul's term was up.

Motion: Councilman R Decker made the motion to approve Phil Morgan as the Council democrat park board member, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Ron Decker, **Seconded by** Diane Macek. Motion passed 5 yes & 2 abstain.

Commissioners talked to Council about the clock tower on the courthouse. The Commissioners had a company come out and quote the repair of the clock tower and that quote is for \$636,460.00. The Council told the Auditor to do an additional ½ out of Edit fund and ½ out of Rainey Day fund.

Old Business:

The Council is still discussing the raises for the 2026 year. They are going to do some more research and discuss it again at the April meeting.

Other Information

Committee Reports:

Economic Development – Andrew 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** David Tebbing. Motion passed 7 yes.

“AYE “

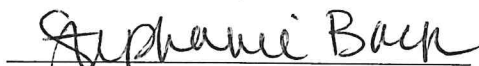
“NAY”


Peg Ehlers, Council President

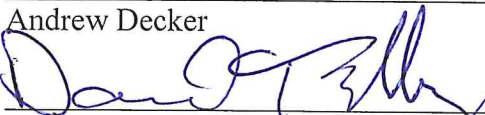
Peg Ehlers, Council President


Stan Wiedeman

Stan Wiedeman


Stephanie Back

Stephanie Back

Andrew Decker

David Tebbing

Andrew Decker

David Tebbing

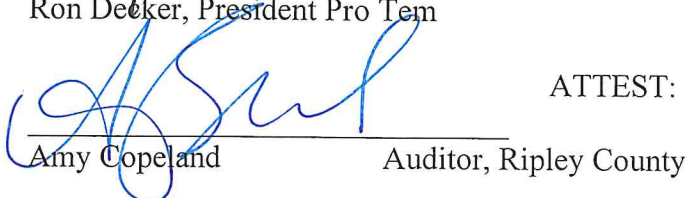

Diane Macek

Diane Macek


Ron Decker, President Pro Tem

Ron Decker, President Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Amy Copeland Auditor, Ripley County

Amy Copeland