

Ripley County Council Meeting

October 16, 2023

Councilman President, Peggy Ehlers, opened the County Council Meetings with the Pledge of the Allegiance.

Roll Call.

Present: Peggy Ehlers, President, Katie Bailey, Stan Wiedeman, Ron Decker, David Tebbing, Diane Macek, Amy Copeland, Auditor & John Ertel, Attorney. Andrew Decker was absent.

Councilman President, Peggy Ehlers, opened the Budget Adoption Hearing.

Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the Ripley County and Southeastern Solid Waste District 2024 Budget, **Action:** Approved, **Moved by** David Tebbing, **Seconded by** Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes 1 absent.

Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to close the Ripley County and Southeastern Solid Waste District Budget Adoption Hearing, **Action:** Approved, **Moved by** Stan Wiedeman, **Seconded by** Katie Bailey. Motion passed 6 yes 1 absent.

Councilman President, Peggy Ehlers, opened the Public Hearing for the LIT Public Safety Tax.

Lee Davidson from the Sheriff’s Department got up to speak on his opinion of the Public Safety Tax.

Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the October 2, 2023 Ripley County Council public meeting minutes, **Action:** Approved, **Moved by** Stan Wiedeman, **Seconded by** Diane Macek. Motion passed 6 yes 1 absent.

Motion: Councilman Macek made the motion to approve Ripley County LIT Public Safety Tax of 1.00% to make the Local Income Tax Rate 2.38%, **Action:** Approved, **Moved by** Diane Macek, **Seconded by** Katie Bailey. Motion passed 6 yes 1 absent.

Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to close the Ripley County Public Hearing for the LIT Public Safety Tax, **Action:** Approved, **Moved by** David Tebbing, **Seconded by** Ron Decker. Motion passed 6 yes 1 absent.

Councilman President, Peggy Ehlers, opened the regular scheduled Ripley County Council meeting.

Motion: Councilman R. Decker made the motion to approve the September 18, 2023 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approved, **Moved by** Ron Decker, **Seconded by** Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes 1 absent.

Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the September 26, 2023 executive session meeting minutes, **Action:** Approved, **Moved by** David Tebbing, **Seconded by** Ron Decker. Motion passed 6 yes 1 absent.

Transfers 2023				
Court Services	\$83.34	9177.32395.000.0000 IN Supreme Crt/CADS B - Professional Services	9177.32703.000.0000 IN Supreme Crt/CADS B - Van Mileage	To reallocate funds to pay for grant expenditures.
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.			

Technology	\$71.40	1001.25600.000.0053 Cty Gen/Postage	1001.37807.000.0053 Cty Gen/Postage Mach Lease	Error on company's end for amounts billed. Needed to move money to pay bill.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by David Tebbing, Seconded by Ron Decker. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Clerk	\$4,000.00	1001.11201.000.0001 Cty Gen/Deputy	1001.11600.000.0001 Cty Gen/Clerical	To pay clerical help that is scanning files.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by David Tebbing, Seconded by Katie Bailey. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Sheriff	\$4,450.82	1001.18317.000.0014 Cty Gen/Jailer 18	1001.32380.000.0014 Cty Gen/Fire Suppression	Cintas increased fire protection bill.
Note:	Motion: Councilman R. Decker made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Ron Decker, Seconded by Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Sheriff	\$20,000.00	1001.13900.000.0007 Cty Gen/Sheriff Retirement	1001.37501.000.0014 Cty Gen/Meals for Prisoners	Food prices have increased.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Macek made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Diane Macek, Seconded by Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
EMS	\$2,500.00	1151.37900.000.0055 EMS/Utilities	1151.25800.000.0055 EMS/Uniforms	Need funding for a short fall.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by David Tebbing, Seconded by Katie Bailey. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Additional Appropriations				

Sheriff	\$28,464.73	1001.18401.000.0014 Cty Gen/Deputy Matron	Back pay for a payroll error in the Sheriff's Dept., Matron should be getting same pay as road deputy IC 36-8-10-5. 1/2 now & 1/2 beginning of 2024
Note:	Motion: Councilman R. Decker made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Ron Decker, Seconded by David Tebbing. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		
Sheriff	\$2,177.56	1001.12600.000.0014 Cty Gen/Social Security	Back pay for a payroll error in the Sheriff's Dept., Matron should be getting same pay as road deputy IC 36-8-10-5. 1/2 now & 1/2 beginning of 2024
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.		
Sheriff	\$3,188.05	1001.12600.000.0014 Cty Gen/Social Security	Back pay for a payroll error in the Sheriff's Dept., Matron should be getting same pay as road deputy IC 36-8-10-5. 1/2 now & 1/2 beginning of 2024
Note:	Motion: Councilman Macek made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Diane Macek, Seconded by Ron Decker. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		

Clerk	\$2,000.00	1001.12600.000.0014 · Cty Gen/Clerk Voter Registration Stipend	Circuit Court Clerk as voter registration should get a stipend IC 3-7-12-22
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Seconded by David Tebbing. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		
Sheriff	\$12,500.00	1220.41000.00000.0000 County Offender Transportation/Motor Vehicles	To purchase a new inmate transport van.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by David Tebbing, Seconded by Katie Bailey. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		
Commissioners	\$871,258.00	8950.41004.00000.0000 ARPA Coronavirus/Courthouse renovation	For the 2023 payment of the courthouse renovation.
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.		
Highway	\$17,961.00	1135.43209.00000.0033 Cum Bridge/Bridge #133	To be able to do a demo of bridge #133 before we get fined from DNR for it falling into the creek.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by David Tebbing, Seconded by Diane Macek. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		
EMS	\$7,500.00	2003.33400.00000.0000 Milan Legion Donation Radio/Radio Equipment	To purchase new radios for the Milan Station.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Seconded by Ron Decker. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		
Solid Waste	\$129,000.00	From the Solid Waste General Fund	
Note:	Motion: Councilman Bailey made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Katie Bailey, Seconded by Ron Decker. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		

New Business:

Motion: Councilman R. Decker made the motion to approve the 2024 yearly Council schedule, **Action:** Approved, **Moved by** Ron Decker, **Seconded by** David Tebbing. Motion passed 6 yes 1 absent.

Old Business:

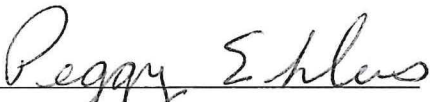
Committee Reports:

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

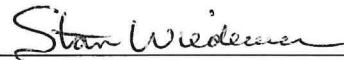
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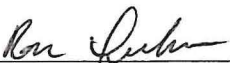
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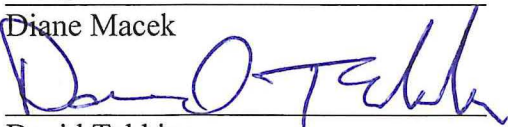
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 Amy Copeland

ATTEST:

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Auditor, Ripley County