

Ripley County Council Meeting

October 21, 2024

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

Roll Call.

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

Councilman President, Ron Decker, opened the 2025 Budget Adoption Hearing.

Motion: Councilman Bailey made the motion to approve the Ripley County and Southeastern Solid Waste District 2025 Budget, **Action:** Approved, **Moved by** Katie Bailey, **Seconded by** David Tebbing. 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** Peg Ehlers. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.

Councilman President, Ron Decker, opened the regular scheduled Ripley County Council meeting.

Motion: Councilman Ehlers made the motion to approve the September 16, 2024 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approved, **Moved by** Peg Ehlers, **Seconded by** David Tebbing. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.

Transfers 2024				
Court Services	\$440.43	2101.32395.00000.0000 Substance Abuse Outpatient/Professional Services	2101.25300.00000.0000 Substance Abuse Outpatient/Office Supplies	To reallocate funds to purchase bulletproof vest.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Seconded by Peg Ehlers. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Sheriff	\$1,334.35	1001.42155.00000.0007 County General/New Vehicle Equipment	1001.33402.00000.0007 County General/Kevlar Vest	To pay invoice for kevlar vest.
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	\$3,146.72	1001.18317.00000.0014 County General/Jailer #18	1001.32380.00000.0014 County General/Fire Suppression	Cintas increased their pricing.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Seconded by Diane Macek. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Commissioners	\$5,000.00	1001.19100.00000.0018 County General/Workers Comp	1001.36400.00000.0018 County General/Liability Insurance	To pay deductible for the Clark case with the Sheriff's Dept.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by David Tebbing, Seconded by Peg Ehlers. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Commissioners	\$8,000.00	1001.19100.00000.0018 County General/Workers Comp	1001.34400.00000.0018 County General/Telephone	To cover the telephone bill for the next 3 months.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Bailey made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Katie Bailey, Seconded by Diane Macek. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
911	\$15,000.00	1222.13300.00000.0045 Statewide 911/Group Insurance	1222.11260.00000.0045 Statewide 911/911 Coordinator	To pay out Leah for her retirement.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by David Tebbing, Seconded by Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Technology	\$241.40	1001.25600.00000.0053 County General/Postage	1001.37807.00000.0053 County General/Postage Machine Lease	To pay the yearly lease amount that was budgeted to low.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Macek made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Diane Macek, Seconded by Katie Bailey. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Park	\$97.48	1219.11350.00000.0050 Park/Caretaker	1219.15100.00000.0050 Park/Assistant	To bring account back to positive balance.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by David Tebbing, Seconded by Diane Macek. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			

Park	\$2,000.00	1219.11350.00000.0050 Park/Caretaker	1219.33230.00000.0050 Park/Equipment Maint	To help with equipment maintenance for the end of the year.
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.			
Park	\$15,000.00	1219.11350.00000.0050 Park/Caretaker	1219.36106.00000.0050 Park/Building Maint	To help cover repairs.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Ehlers made the motion to table the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Peg Ehlers, Seconded by Diane Macek. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent. Motion: Councilman Ehlers made the motion to rescind the above motion to table, Action: Approve, Moved by Peg Ehlers, Seconded by Diane Macek. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by David Tebbing, Seconded by Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Prosecutor	\$3,149.97	1001.49000.00000.0019 County General/Equipment	1001.49000.00000.0012 County General/Equipment	To pay for 3 new scanners needed to perform office duties.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Seconded by Diane Macek. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Extension	\$946.08	1001.34400.00000.0009 County General/Telephone	1001.34500.00000.0009 County General/Postage	Stamps for mailings.
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.			
Additional Appropriations				
Sheriff	\$1,695.00	2005.43815.00000.0000 K9/Canine		Donation made for K9 training equipment.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Seconded by Peg Ehlers. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			

Area Planning	\$2,899.00	1001.15600.00000.0015 County General/Building Inspector	To cover building inspector pay due to having to pay out for retirement.
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.		
Park	\$6,400.00	9112.37800.00000.0000 Endowment/Contractual Services	To cover nonprofit rentals.
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.		
Park	\$6,400.00	1219.35276.00000.0050 Park/Showmobile Operation	To replace cost of nonprofit rentals.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Bailey made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Katie Bailey, Seconded by Peg Ehlers. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		
Council	\$1,309.41	1191.41004.00000.0000 Riverboat Gaming/Courthouse Renovation	To fund the change orders on the courthouse.
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.		
Council	\$171,503.84	4961.41004.00000.0000 Unrestricted LOIT/Courthouse Renovation	To fund the change orders on the courthouse.
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.		
Council	\$56,959.75	7400.41004.00000.0000 Riverboat/Courthouse Renovation	To fund the change orders on the courthouse.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Bailey made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Katie Bailey, Seconded by David Tebbing. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		
Council	\$15,000.00	1112.33261.00000.0018 EDIT/Economic Development	To get Economic Development to the end of the year.

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.		
Clerk	\$268.00	1119.12600.00000.0282 Clerk Perpetuation/Social Security	SS for part time pay for employee to scan files
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Seconded by Diane Macek. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		
Clerk	\$3,500.00	1119.11600.00000.0282 Clerk Perpetuation/Clerical	For part time pay for employee to scan files
Note:	Motion: Councilman Macek made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Diane Macek, Seconded by Peg Ehlers. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		
Clerk	\$13,677.50	8953.49000.00000.0000 Election Security/Equipment	Grant to purchase election equipment.
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	\$1,670.00	2000.13300.00000.0040 Adult Probation/Group Ins	To cover group Ins to the end of the year.
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.		
Court Services	\$5.00	2000.18100.00000.0040 Adult Probation/PERF	To cover PERF to the end of the year.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Ehlers made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Peg Ehlers, Seconded by Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		
Commissioners	\$20,000.00	1233.36106.00000.0000 LIT Jail Public Safety/Building Repairs	To fix the showers at the jail.
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.		

EMA	\$10,900.00	1001.12900.00000.0016 County General/EMA Director	To go from part time to full time.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Seconded by Diane Macek. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		

New Business:

Ric Hertel - Prosecutor

Mr. Hertel came in with a contract for paralegal services by an independent contractor.

Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the contract for paralegal services by an independent contractor, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Stan Wiedeman, **Seconded by** Peg Ehlers. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.

Rob Bradley – Sheriff

The Sheriff came in to get a motion for the new longevity/matrix ordinance.

Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the new longevity/matrix ordinance, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** David Tebbing, **Seconded by** Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.

William Sunderman – 911

Mr. Sunderman came in to introduce himself as the new 911 Director.

Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the 2025 Council and Additional Appropriation dates, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Stan Wiedeman, **Seconded by** David Tebbing. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.

Councilman President, Ron Decker, asked all council members to be thinking about the 2026 budgets and to write some things down to talk about salaries at the next council meeting. He stated we are not waiting until it's too late for the 2026 budgets.

Councilman Ehlers brought up the public safety tax for the 2026-2027 years. She was afraid with the hospital moving that we would lose money, but you pay county tax for the county you live in not work in.

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


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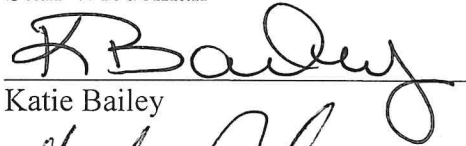
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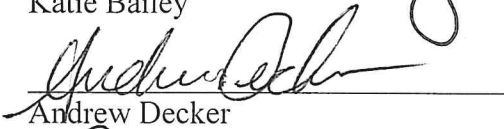
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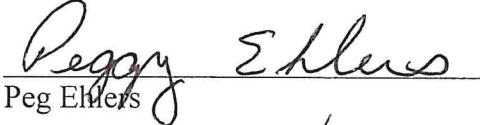
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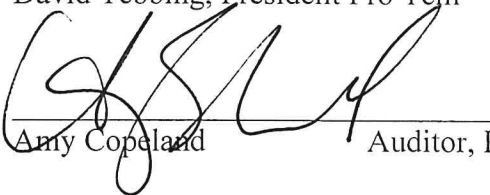
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ATTEST:

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