

Ripley County Council Meeting

September 15, 2025

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

Roll Call.

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

Councilman President, Peg Ehlers opened the 2026 Budget Public Hearing for Ripley County Council.

Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the 2026 Budget Public Hearing minutes for August 12-14, 2025. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Stan Wiedeman, **Seconded by** Stephanie Back. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.

Motion: Councilman R Decker made the motion to Adjourn the 2026 Budget Public Hearing for Ripley County Council, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Ron Decker, **Seconded by** David Tebbing. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.

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

Motion: Councilman R Decker made the motion to approve the August 18, 2025 meeting minutes. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ron Decker, **Seconded by** David Tebbing. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.

Transfers 2025

Circuit Court	\$500.00	1001.32301.00000.0020 Cty Gen/Equipment Service	1001.32700.00000.0020 Cty Gen/Mileage	Need money in the mileage account due to several other conferences and training still need to attend this year.
Note:	Motion: Councilman R Decker made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Ron Decker, Second by Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Highway	\$7,427.86	1176.37800.00000.0026 Highway/Contractual Service	1176.32535.00000.0026 Highway/RS2	To cover negative balance for an entry error that needs corrected.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Second by Stephanie Back. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			

Sheriff	\$100.00	1001.13801.00000.0014 Cty Gen/Overtime	1001.32350.00000.0014 Cty Gen/Pest Control	Contract price increase.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by David Tebbing, Second by Diane Macek. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Sheriff	\$7,745.00	1170.14999.00000.0000 Public Safety/Longevity Holt	1170.13801.00000.0000 Public Safety/Overtime	Deputy overtime running short due to coverage & training.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Second by Stephanie Back. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Sheriff	\$3,672.09	1001.13801.00000.0014 Cty Gen/Overtime	1001.32380.00000.0014 Cty Gen/Fire Suppression	Pricing increase.
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 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Court Services	\$45.00	1001.32700.00000.0021 Cty Gen/Mileage & Fuel	1001.32703.00000.0021 Cty Gen/Van Mileage & Maint.	BMV fees for getting new title for the 2012 dodge charger.
Note:	Motion: Councilman R Decker made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Ron Decker, Second by Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Court Services	\$76.37	9207.49000.00000.0000 JDAI Bonus Grant/Equipment	9207.49000.00000.0000 JDAI Bonus Grant/Office Supplies	To reallocate accounts to \$0.
Note:	Motion: Councilman R Decker made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Ron Decker, Second by Stephane Back. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Park	\$110.21	1219.49000.00000.0050 Park/Equipment	1219.38710.00000.0050 Park/Special Events	To \$0 the account.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Second by Stephanie Back. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Park	\$59.05	1219.49000.00000.0050 Park/Equipment	1219.43100.00000.0050 Park/Machinery	To \$0 the account.

Note:	Motion: Councilman Macek made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Diane Macek, Second by Stephanie Back. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Health	\$22,500.00	8252.11603.00000.0000 Immunization & Vaccine/Clerical Assistant	8252.29560.00000.0000 Immunization & Vaccine/Nurse Operation Supplies	Grant expiring consolidating cash balance.
Note:	Motion: Councilman R Decker made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Ron Decker, Second by Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Health	\$3,360.00	8252.18100.00000.0000 Immunization & Vaccine/Perf	8252.29560.00000.0000 Immunization & Vaccine/Nurse Operation Supplies	Grant expiring consolidating cash balance.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Second by Diane Macek. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Health	\$2,295.00	8252.12600.00000.0000 Immunization & Vaccine/Social Security	8252.29560.00000.0000 Immunization & Vaccine/Nurse Operation Supplies	Grant expiring consolidating cash balance.
Note:	Motion: Councilman R Decker made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Ron Decker, Second by David Tebbing. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Health	\$3,000.00	1168.25300.00000.0037 Health Maint/Supplies	1168.34802.00000.0037 Health Maint/Environmental Travel	Complaint based inspections increased last money
Note:	Motion: Councilman R Decker made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Ron Decker, Second by Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Health	\$10,000.00	8253.37800.00000.0000 School Covid19 CoAg/Contractual Services	8253.25355.00000.0000 School Covid19 CoAg/Supplies & Materials	No explanation given.

Note:	Motion: Councilman Back made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Stephanie Back, Second by Ron Decker. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		
Additional Appropriations			
Commissioner	\$250,000.00	1001.41500.00000.0018 Cty Gen/Land	For the potential to purchase some property
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to table the above additional appropriation, Action: Tabled, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Second by Diane Macek. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		
Commissioner	\$500.00	1001.32700.00000.0024 County General/Mileage	Mileage for Craig when he has to come in on Saturday, Sunday or after regular work hours
Note:	Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approved, Moved by David Tebbing, Second by Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		
Circuit Court	\$30,000.00	1001.36600.00000.0020 Cty Gen/Pauper Counsel	To finish the rest of the year out the rate raised from \$100 to \$110.
Note:	Motion: Councilman R Decker made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approved, Moved by Ron Decker, Second by Stephanie Back. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		
Court Services	\$4,571.74	9176.25300.00000.0000 JDAI "B"/Office Supplies	To allocate funds to pay for final expenses for end of year.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approved, Moved by David Tebbing, Second by Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		
Court Services	\$2,000.00	1237.25300.00000.0000 Opioid Restricted Fund/Office Supplies	Appropriate money to continue program.

Note:	Motion: Councilman Macek made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approved, Moved by Diane Macek, Second by Stephanie Back. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		
Park	\$2,302.94	1219.36106.00000.0050 Park/Building Repairs	Appropriate money that was given to the park.
Note:	Motion: Councilman R Decker made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approved, Moved by Ron Decker, Second by Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		
Commissioners	\$100,000.00	1233.41004.00000.0000 LIT Jail Correctional/Renovation	For new metal roof coping and new chimney cap.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approved, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Second by Stephanie Back. Motion passed 6 yes, 1 no & 1 absent.		
Health	\$15,000.00	FLMR Safety Pin	Coordinator Salary
Health	\$1,680.00	FLMR Safety Pin	Coordinator Salary PERF
Health	\$1,148.00	FLMR Safety Pin	Coordinator Salary Social Security
Health	\$150.00	FLMR Safety Pin	Mileage
Health	\$90.00	FLMR Safety Pin	Cell Phone
Health	\$400.00	FLMR Safety Pin	Software Upgrade
Note:	Motion: Councilman R Decker made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation contingent on the contract being signed by the state, Action: Approved, Moved by Ron Decker, Second by Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		

New Business:

Health Department – Tara Briggs

Ms. Briggs was in to talk to the council about moving a full time employee to a part time employee. This employee is an RN that makes \$26.48 an hour as a full time employee with benefits. This employee is asking to go part time with an increase of pay to \$35.00 hour with no benefits.

Motion: Councilman R Decker made the motion to approve the \$35.00 an hour part time employee, **Action:** none, **Moved by** Ron Decker, **Second by** no one. Motion failed.

There was more discussion on the full time to parttime

Motion: Councilman R Decker made the motion to approve the \$35.00 an hour part time employee, **Action:** Approved, **Moved by** Ron Decker, **Second by** Stephanie Back. Motion failed 3 yes, 3 no & 1 absent.

The Council told Ms. Briggs to research the job and bring them back some more information.

Old Business:

Other Information

Councilman Ehlers told everyone that the committee for the animal control officer is meeting on September 16, 2025.

Committee Reports:

Economic Development – Andrew Decker – none

SEI Regional Planning Committee – Diane Macek – none

Solid Waste District - David Tebbing – none

Grants Committee - Stan Wiedeman – none

Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to Adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** David Tebbing, **Seconded by** Stephanie Back. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.

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Peggy Ehlers

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ATTEST:

Amy Copeland