

Ripley County Council Meeting

September 16, 2024

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

Roll Call.

Present: Ron Decker, President, Stan Wiedeman, David Tebbing, Diane Macek, Amy Copeland, Auditor & John Ertel, Attorney. Peggy Ehlers was a few minutes late and arrived at 6:10pm. Katie Bailey and Andrew Decker were absent.

Councilman President, Ron Decker opened the 2025 Budget Public Hearing for Ripley County Council. Jeff Volz and Mark Horstman did make a couple remarks but nothing to not agree with the budget. **Motion:** Councilman David Tebbing made the motion to approve the 2025 Budget Public Hearing minutes. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** David Tebbing, **Seconded by** Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 4 yes and 3 absent.

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

Motion: Councilman David Tebbing made the motion to approve the August 19, 2024 meeting minutes. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** David Tebbing, **Seconded by** Diane Macek. Motion passed 4 yes and 3 absent.

Transfers 2024				
EMA	\$200.00	1001.49000.00000.0016 Cty Gen/Equipment	1001.32600.00000.0016 Cty Gen/Training	For Additional Training
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Seconded by David Tebbing. Motion passed 5 yes and 2 absent.			
EMS	\$154.20	1151.37900.00000.0055 EMS/Utilities	1151.29641.00000.0055 EMS/Telephone	To pay the telephone bill
Note:	Motion: Councilman Macek made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Diana Macek, Seconded by David Tebbing. Motion passed 5 yes and 2 absent.			
Sheriff	\$1,788.00	1001.18317.00000.0014 Cty Gen/Jailer #18	1001.13801.00000.0014 Cty Gen/Jailer #2	Shortfall due to payout of employee
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Seconded by Peggy Ehlers. Motion passed 5 yes and 2 absent.			
Sheriff	\$13.00	1001.18317.00000.0014 Cty Gen/Jailer #18	1001.18309.00000.0014 Cty Gen/Jailer #9	Shortfall due to payout of employee
Note:	Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by David Tebbing, Seconded by Diane Macek. Motion passed 5 yes and 2 absent.			
Sheriff	\$5,000.00	1001.42155.00000.0007 Cty Gen/New vehicle equipment	1001.13801.00000.0007 Cty Gen/Overtime	Deputies covering time off for other deputies
Note:	Motion: Councilman Ehlers made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Peggy Ehlers, Seconded by David Tebbing. Motion passed 5 yes and 2 absent.			

Sheriff	\$11,322.00	1001.35701.00000.0014 Cty Gen/Meals for Prisoners	1001.25700.00000.0014 Cty Gen/Garage & Motors	Invoice for spillman GIS mapping
Note:	Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by David Tebbing, Seconded by Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 5 yes and 2 absent.			
Additional Appropriations				
Health	\$1,000.00	8952.34800.000.0000 Asthma, Comprehensive/Education Materials		Travel for Mobile integrated Health program.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Ehlers made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Peggy Ehlers, Seconded by Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 5 yes and 2 absent.			
Health	\$11,000.00	8952.49000.000.0000 Asthma, Comprehensive/Equipment		Technology equipment towards training/EMS/Mobile Integrated Health. Reimbursement grant through state towards asthma focus
Note:	Motion: Councilman Macek made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Diana Macek, Seconded by David Tebbing. Motion passed 5 yes and 2 absent.			
Sheriff	\$2,351.53	9200.13801.00000.0000 NAMI Officer Training Grant/Overtime		Deputies overtime training/coverage
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Seconded by Peggy Ehlers. Motion passed 5 yes and 2 absent.			
Court Services	\$10,000.00	1237.37800.00000.0000 Opioid Restricted/Contractual Services		To be able to continue with programs
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 5 yes and 2 absent.			

New Business:

Economic Development – Gary Norman & Deb Thompkins

Mr. Norman and Ms. Thompkins brought in the Economic Development budget for the 2024 year and are at a shortfall of \$15,000.00. They are asking the council to do an additional appropriation for the year 2024? The council stated that the Auditor would have the additional done for the October meeting.

Old Business:

SIRPC – Gary Norman

Mr. Norman was in to talk to the council about the comprehensive plan that Mary McCarty has been working on to get a quote for. The one quote that came back was for \$115,000.00. Ms. McCarty is going to apply for a grant to help with the cost at the Rising Sun Regional Foundation.

Prosecutor – Ric Hertel

Mr. Hertel was in to talk to the council about the part time person he hired and to get the salary ordinance approved. The hourly rate will be \$27.00.

Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the salary ordinance for a part time person in the prosecutor at the rate of \$27.00 per hour, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** David Tebbing, **Seconded by** Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 5 yes and 2 absent.

Mr. Hertel also talked to the council about hiring a contracted employee. He is not going to do so at this point but maybe by the end of the year.

Veregy

The Veregy team brought in 3 change orders for the courthouse to the Commissioner meeting on Friday, September 13, 2024. This consist of painting/wall repair/floor base, 2nd floor drywall in courtroom, and chimney removal. The total cost of this is \$229,773.00. The council want the additional done from 4961, 1191, and 7400 for the month of October.

Other Information

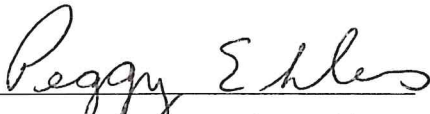
Committee Reports:

- Economic Development – Andrew Decker
- Technology Committee - Katie Bailey
- SEI Regional Planning Committee – Diane Macek
- Solid Waste District - David Tebbing
- Grants Committee - Stan Wiedeman

Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to Adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** David Tebbing, **Seconded by** Peggy Ehlers. Motion passed 5 yes and 2 absent.


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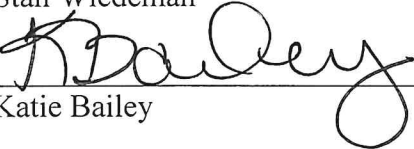
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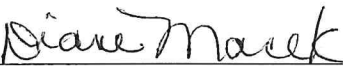
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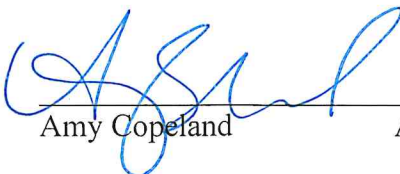
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ATTEST:



 Amy Copeland Auditor, Ripley County

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