

# Ripley County Council Meeting

January 17, 2023

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

Council President Decker nominated Peggy Ehlers to be 2023 Council President.

**Motion:** Councilman R Decker made the motion for Peggy Ehlers to be Ripley County Council President,

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ron Decker, **Seconded by** Andrew Decker. Motion passed 7 yes.

## Roll Call.

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

**Motion:** Councilman Bailey made the motion to approve the December 19, 2022 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Katie Bailey, **Seconded by** David Tebbing. Motion passed 7 yes.

<b>Transfers 2022</b>				
Auditor	\$414.02	1001.17803.000.0013 County General/Parttime	1001.27900.000.0013 County General/Supplies	To get the account out of the red for the end of the year.
Auditor	\$727.49	1001.12400.000.0018 County General/SS	1001.37800.000.0018 County General/Contractual Services	To get the account out of the red for the end of the year.
Auditor	\$70.99	1001.12400.000.0018 County General/SS	1001.37900.000.0018 County General/Utilities	To get the account out of the red for the end of the year.
Auditor	\$3,989.72	1138.36104.000.0274 Cum Cap/Building Repairs	1138.13300.000.0274 Cum Cap/Group Insurance	To get the account out of the red for the end of the year.
Sheriff	\$5,128.39	1001.28200.000.0014 County General/Inmate Medical	1001.13300.000.0014 County General/Group Insurance	To get the account out of the red for the end of the year.
Sheriff	\$993.47	1001.14450.000.0007 County General/8th Deputy	1001.13300.000.0007 County General/Group Insurance	To get the account out of the red for the end of the year.
EMA	\$156.00	1001.26500.000.0016 County General/Community Preparedness	1001.49000.000.0016 County General/Equipment	To get the account out of the red for the end of the year.

Highway	\$8,659.02	1176.12600.000.0027 Highway Gen/SS	1176.25700.000.0027 Highway Gen/Garage & Motors	To get the account out of the red for the end of the year.
Highway	\$13.55	1176.12600.000.0027 Highway Gen/SS	1176.19811.000.0027 Highway Gen/Lead Mechanic	To get the account out of the red for the end of the year.
Highway	\$1,899.73	1176.12600.000.0027 Highway Gen/SS	1176.32490.000.0027 Highway Gen/Stone	To get the account out of the red for the end of the year.
EMS	\$1,400.00	1151.25300.000.0055 EMS/Office Supplies	1151.35800.000.0055 EMS/Vehicle Maintenance	To get the account out of the red for the end of the year.
EMS	\$600.00	1151.25201.000.0055 EMS/Technology	1151.25311.000.0055 EMS/Medical Supplies	To get the account out of the red for the end of the year.
EMS	\$5,921.00	1151.43100.000.0055 EMS/Mach & Equipment	1001.13300.000.0055 County General/Group Insurance	To get the account out of the red for the end of the year.
EMS	\$892.00	1112.19920.000.0055 EMS/Paramedics	1112.12600.000.0055 EMS/SS	To get the account out of the red for the end of the year.
Park	\$70.00	1219.32700.000.0050 Park/Mileage	1219.34400.000.0050 Park/Telephone	To get the account out of the red for the end of the year.
Prosecutor	\$0.06	1001.11370.000.0012 County General/Investigator	1001.12200.000.0012 County General/Prosecutor	To get the account out of the red for the end of the year.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above 16 transfers, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> David Tebbing, <b>Seconded by</b> Katie Bailey. Motion passed 7 yes.			
<b>Transfers 2023</b>				
Auditor	\$8,845.00	1001.19100.000.0018 County General/Workers Comp	1001.31400.000.0018 County General/Covered Bridge	To make the covered bridge insurance its own account line.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman A Decker made the motion to approve the above transfer, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Andrew Decker, <b>Seconded by</b> Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 7 yes.			

Prosecutor	\$31,975.00	1001.11370.000.0012 County General/Investigator	1001.37800.000.0012 County General/Contractual Services	To pay the investigator as a contractual service.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman Bailey made the motion to approve the above transfer, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Katie Bailey, <b>Seconded by</b> David Tebbing. Motion passed 7 yes.			
Sheriff	\$10,212.00	1001.14999.000.0007 Cty Gen/Longevity Holt	1001.11300.000.0007 Cty Gen/2nd Deputy Holt	Transferring longevity to payroll account.
Sheriff	\$9,605.00	1001.15299.000.0007 Cty Gen/Longevity Houseworth	1001.11400.000.0007 Cty Gen/3rd Deputy Houseworth	Transferring longevity to payroll account.
Sheriff	\$4,508.00	1001.14799.000.0007 Cty Gen/Longevity Smith	1001.11500.000.0007 Cty Gen/4th Deputy Smith	Transferring longevity to payroll account.
Sheriff	\$3,756.00	1001.15000.000.0007 Cty Gen/Longevity Redick	1001.11800.000.0007 Cty Gen/5th Deputy Redick	Transferring longevity to payroll account.
Sheriff	\$2,253.00	1001.15010.000.0007 Cty Gen/Longevity Reichert	1001.14300.000.0007 Cty Gen/6th Deputy Reichert	Transferring longevity to payroll account.
Sheriff	\$2,253.00	1001.15020.000.0007 Cty Gen/Longevity Hunger	1001.14400.000.0007 Cty Gen/7th Deputy Hunger	Transferring longevity to payroll account.
Sheriff	\$7,774.00	1001.19999.000.0014 Cty Gen/Longevity Halcomb	1001.18401.000.0014 Cty Gen/Deputy Matron Halcomb	Transferring longevity to payroll account.
Sheriff	\$2,253.00	1001.11501.000.0014 Cty Gen/Longevity Curl	1001.18200.000.0014 Cty Gen/Jail Adm. Curl	Transferring longevity to payroll account.
Sheriff	\$2,253.00	1001.11502.000.0014 Cty Gen/Longevity Adkinson	1001.18400.000.0014 Cty Gen/Matron Adkinson	Transferring longevity to payroll account.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman A Decker made the motion to approve the above 9 transfers, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Andrew Decker, <b>Seconded by</b> David Tebbing. Motion passed 7 yes.			
<b>Additional Appropriations</b>				
Court Services	\$11,840.00	9177.25300.000.0000 IN Supreme Court/CADS (B) - Office Supplies		Requesting spending for the 2023 year.

Court Services	\$15,510.00	9177.32395.000.0000 IN Supreme Court/CADS (B) - Professional Services	Requesting spending for the 2023 year.
Court Services	\$750.00	9177.32703.000.0000 IN Supreme Court/CADS (B) - Van Mileage & Maintenance	Requesting spending for the 2023 year.
Court Services	\$30,000.00	9177.37800.000.0000 IN Supreme Court/CADS (B) - Contractual Services	Requesting spending for the 2023 year.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above 4 additional appropriations, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> David Tebbing, <b>Seconded by</b> Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 7 yes.		
Court Services	\$250.00	1237.25300.000.0000 Restricted Opioid Fund - Office Supplies	Requesting spending for the 2023 year.
Court Services	\$340.00	1237.37810.000.0000 Restricted Opioid Fund - Misc. Services & Charges	Requesting spending for the 2023 year.
Court Services	\$63,160.00	1237.37810.000.0000 Restricted Opioid Fund - Professional Services	Requesting spending for the 2023 year.
Court Services	\$1,250.00	1237.49000.000.0000 Restricted Opioid Fund - Equipment	Requesting spending for the 2023 year.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman Bailey made the motion to approve the above 4 additional appropriations, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Katie Bailey, <b>Seconded by</b> Andrew Decker. Motion passed 7 yes.		
Court Services	\$3,500.00	4300.32600.000.0338 Court Ordered Testing - Training	Requesting spending for the 2023 year.
Court Services	\$1,000.00	4300.36201.000.0338 Court Ordered Testing - Rewards/Incentives	Requesting spending for the 2023 year.
Court Services	\$500.00	4300.37810.000.0338 Court Ordered Testing - Misc. Services & Charges	Requesting spending for the 2023 year.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above 3 additional appropriations, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Stan Wiedeman, <b>Seconded by</b> David Tebbing. Motion passed 7 yes.		

**New Business:**

**Prosecutor – Rick Hertel**

Mr. Hertel was in with a letter for the Ripley County Council to sign stating that he, as a prosecutor, is a full time employee.

**Motion:** Councilman Tebbing made the motion to sign the letter stating Mr. Hertel is a full time employee with Ripley County, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** David Tebbing, **Seconded by** Diane Macek. Motion passed 7 yes.

### **911 – Leah Hildebrand & Jonathon Phillips**

Mr. Phillips got up and spoke to the Council about a raise for the 911 employees. He stated they are losing employees to the Indiana State Police Post and the Batesville Dispatch. The 911 employees are wanting a 20% raise for the director, 25% raise for the assistant director and a 20% raise for all other dispatchers. They also stated that if they cannot do the percentage that they would be willing to accept a four thousand dollar raise across the board. Ms. Hildebrand got up and spoke to the council about how important the 911 dispatcher job is. She stated these employees deserve this raise. The Council stated they would discuss what is being presented.

### **Sheriff – Rob Bradley & Chief Deputy – Lee Davidson**

Mr. Bradley stated that he was in to talk about giving the Sheriff's Department a raise. Mr. Bradley stated they are losing employees to the Indiana State Police Post and the Batesville Police Department. Mr. Davidson stated he would have the request in to the Council by the end of the week.

The Ripley County Council scheduled a special public meeting for January 24, 2023 to discuss budgets and raise proposals.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Veregy – Rick Anderson & Mark Frost**

Mr. Anderson was in to discuss the start of the courthouse renovation. The Council gave the ok to do the HVAC renovation, Lighting/Ceiling Replacement, Electrical Service Upgrade, Correct Floor Sag, Replace Windows, Fire Sprinkler System, and Basement Toilet Upgrade. The estimated cost of this renovation is \$3,058,981.00.

### **Other Information:**

**Motion:** Councilman A Decker made the motion to make Ron Decker Vice President, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Andrew Decker, **Seconded by** David Tebbing. Motion passed 7 yes.

**Motion:** Councilman Tebbing made the motion for the below Committee members

#### **Committees:**

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

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** David Tebbing, **Seconded by** Andrew Decker. Motion passed 7 yes.

**Motion:** Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to make Ron Decker, David Tebbing and Peggy Ehlers the Finance Committee with Katie Bailey as an alternate, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Stan Wiedeman, **Seconded by** Andrew Decker. Motion passed 7 yes.

Attorney John Ertel gave the Ripley County Council a letter from him regarding the use of the sheriff's jail commissary fund 2017-2022 for donations to the Indiana Sheriff's Youth Ranch.

**Motion:** Councilman Bailey made the motion to approve the 2022-2023 encumbrances, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Katie Bailey, **Seconded by** Andrew Decker. Motion passed 7 yes.

### **Committee Reports:**

Economic Development – Andrew Decker - none  
Technology Committee - Katie Bailey - none  
SEI Regional Planning Committee - Andrew Decker - none  
Solid Waste District - David Tebbing - none  
Grants Committee - Stan Wiedeman – none

**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”

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Peggy Ehlers, Council President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Peggy Ehlers, Council President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Stan Wiedeman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Stan Wiedeman

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Katie Bailey

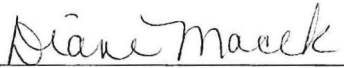
\_\_\_\_\_  
Katie Bailey

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Andrew Decker

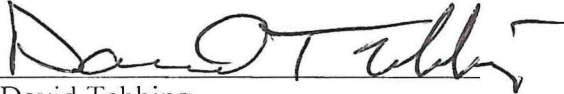
\_\_\_\_\_  
Andrew Decker

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Ron Decker, President Pro Tem

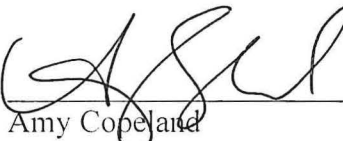
\_\_\_\_\_  
Ron Decker, President Pro Tem

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Macek

\_\_\_\_\_  
Diane Macek

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
David Tebbing

\_\_\_\_\_  
David Tebbing

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Amy Copeland

ATTEST:

Auditor, Ripley County

\_\_\_\_\_  
Amy Copeland