

Ripley County Special Council Meeting

January 23, 2023

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

Roll Call.

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

911 – Leah Hildebrand

Ms. Hildebrand is wanting a 20% raise for her employees. She states that the County 911 office is the training ground for the Indiana State Police and the Batesville City Police. Ms. Hildebrand stated they would also except a \$4,000.00 raise per employee. Ms. Hildebrand stated the 911 dispatch is a gift a gift only you can give. Ms. Hildebrand stated we need to pay our departments more, so we can stay away from a law suit.

Mr. Jonathon Phillips came up and stated that what Ms. Hildebrand stated is 100% the truth.

Ms. Swing came up and stated that they don't do what they do for the pay.

Councilman Ehlers asked if there was a motion for a salary increase for 911. There was no response to the motion, so no increase in pay.

Sheriff

Mr. Bradley is wanting a 40% raise for his employees. Mr. Bradley states it takes him 12 months to train a deputy. Mr. Bradley stated that he is going to move money from deputies payroll line that are not hired yet to the overtime line. Mr. Bradley stated they are losing employees to the Indiana State Police Post and Batesville City Police.

Mr. Davidson stated that they are down 4 employees. Mr. Davidson stated they are competing against Batesville City Police and Lawrenceburg City Police. Mr. Davidson stated they he would like to be competitive for the raise.

Mr. Hankins, County Commissioner, got up and read a letter to the Council that he wrote. He did submit the letter for record.

Councilman Decker asked if two of the positions that were open in the Sheriff's office is due to Mr. Bradley and Mr. Davidson moving to Sheriff and Chief, Mr. Bradley stated yes.

Mr. Bradley stated that they have 2 openings if any county employees would like to apply.

Mr. Christian said if he was to leave for Batesville, he would make \$11,000.00 more at Batesville City Police.

Councilman Ehlers asked if there was a motion for a salary increase for Sheriff Department. There was no response to the motion, so no increase in pay.

Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** David Tebbing, **Seconded by** Diane Macek. Motion passed unanimously.

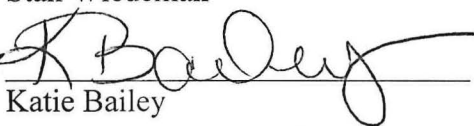
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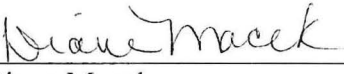
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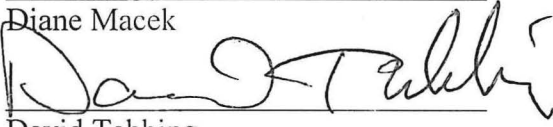
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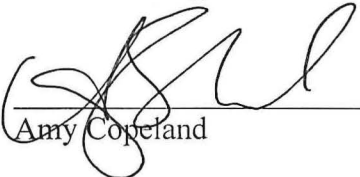
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Amy Copeland Auditor, Ripley County

ATTEST:

Amy Copeland