

# Ripley County Council Meeting

March 20, 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.

**Motion:** Councilman R. Decker made the motion to approve the February 21, 2023 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ron Decker, **Seconded by** David Tebbing. Motion passed 6 yes 1 abstain.

**Motion:** Councilman A. Decker made the motion to approve the February 13, 2023 Finance meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Andrew Decker, **Seconded by** Katie Bailey. Motion passed 7 yes.

<b>Transfers 2023</b>				
Highway	\$8,870.00	1176.32520.000.0027 Highway/Bituminous	1176.43100.000.0027 Highway/Equipment	To purchase a GPS system for culvert inventory.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above Transfer, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Stan Wiedeman, <b>Seconded by</b> David Tebbing. All in favor, motion passed.			
Sheriff	\$2,232.00	1001.18317.000.0014 Cty Gen/Jailer #18	1001.18301.000.0014 Cty Gen/Jailer #2	Payout of time left account short for 2023.
Sheriff	\$4,294.00	1001.14699.000.0007 Cty Gen/Longevity Bradley	1001.11800.000.0007 Cty Gen/5th Deputy	Payout of time left account short for 2023.
Sheriff	\$4,721.00	1001.14699.000.0007 Cty Gen/Longevity Bradley	1001.11900.000.0007 Cty Gen/Chief Deputy	Payout of time left account short for 2023.
Sheriff	\$1,918.00	1001.15030.000.0007 Cty Gen/Longevity Enneking	1001.11500.000.0007 Cty Gen/4th Deputy	Payout of time left account short for 2023.
Sheriff	\$339.00	1001.15030.000.0007 Cty Gen/Longevity Enneking	1001.11900.000.0007 Cty Gen/Chief Deputy	Payout of time left account short for 2023.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman Bailey made the motion to approve the above 5 Transfers, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Katie Bailey, <b>Seconded by</b> David Tebbing. All in favor, motion passed.			

Sheriff	\$10,000.00	1001.14490.000.0007 Cty Gen/13th Deputy	1001.13801.000.0007 Cty Gen/Overtime	Short Staffed & need coverage.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above Transfer, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Stan Wiedeman, <b>Seconded by</b> Andrew Decker. All in favor, motion passed.			
<b>Additional Appropriations</b>				
911	\$4,645.00	9198.43810.000.0000 RSRF Dispatch Chairs/Dispatch Chairs		Rising Sun Grant for dispatch chairs.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman A. Decker made the motion to approve the above Additional Appropriation, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Andrew Decker, <b>Seconded by</b> Diane Macek. All in favor, motion passed.			
Health	\$3.28	8150.25355.000.0000 NACCHO/Ctr for disease control/Outreach Materials		State Grant that needs to be \$0 out.
Health	\$1.00	9169.25355.000.0000 RCCF Grant Car Seat Program/Outreach Materials		State Grant that needs to be \$0 out.
Health	\$109.64	9152.25355.000.0000 Interact for Health/Outreach Materials		State Grant that needs to be \$0 out.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman R. Decker made the motion to approve the above 3 Additional Appropriations, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Ron Decker, <b>Seconded by</b> David Tebbing. All in favor, motion passed.			
Health	\$1,000.00	8254.37800.000.0000 Ripley County Annual Survey/Contractual Services		Indiana Dept of Health rewarded Ripley with grant money for completion of IDOH annual LHD survey
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman A. Decker made the motion to approve the above Additional Appropriation, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Andrew Decker, <b>Seconded by</b> Katie Bailey. All in favor, motion passed.			
Park	\$124.19	9165.49000.000.0000 REMC Grant Park Speakers/Equipment		To be able to spend remaining money.
Park	\$179.26	9193.36106.000.0000 REMC Grant Light Replacement/Building Maint		To be able to spend remaining money.
Park	\$0.47	9190.36106.000.0000 REMC Grant Light Replacement/Building Maint		To be able to spend remaining money.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman Macek made the motion to approve the above 3 Additional Appropriations, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Diane Macek, <b>Seconded by</b> Andrew Decker. All in favor, motion passed.			

Auditor	\$747,227.66	8950.41002.000.0000 ARP Coronavirus/911 Radio Tower	To be able to spend money for the 911 project. This money is just being reappropriated for 2023.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman R. Decker made the motion to approve the above Additional Appropriations, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Ron Decker, <b>Seconded by</b> Andrew Decker. All in favor, motion passed.		
Auditor	\$1,407,642.47	8950.41002.000.0000 ARP Coronavirus/Equipment	To reappropriate Canaan Water, Holton Water, REMC and Hoosier Hills for 2023.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman R. Decker made the motion to approve the above Additional Appropriations, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Ron Decker, <b>Seconded by</b> David Tebbing. All in favor, motion passed.		

**New Business:**

**Motion:** Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to appoint Kris Proctor to the Ripley County Commission Board, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Stan Wiedeman, **Seconded by** Ron Decker. Motion passed 7 yes.

The Ripley County Council discussed an appointment to the Park Board. The replacement would be Rick Stevens. Questions were asked as to who he was replacing and no one could answer the question. The Council tabled until the next meeting April 17, 2023.

The Ripley County Council discussed a wage study being done in Ripley County. They had a long conversation on this and came to the conclusion to get some estimates on the cost.

**Motion:** Councilman A. Decker made the motion to get at least 2 estimates for a wage study in Ripley County, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Andrew Decker, **Seconded by** Ron Decker. Motion passed 7 yes.

The Council discussed a Public Safety Tax. Councilmen Tebbing, Bailey and Macek had a conference call with Cathy Stockhoff, Ripley County DLGF Representative and Fred Van Dorf, Budget Division Director. Councilman Tebbing stated that further discussion needs to be had before a decision is made on this tax.

**Old Business:**

The Ripley County Council discussed the Courthouse renovation and from where they are going to pay it. There is \$1,250,000.00 left in ARP money and that is going to be the starting point of where the money is coming from. They talked about the funds that could potentially be used to pay for the project.

**Sheriff – Rob Bradley**

Mr. Bradley talked to the Council about the 41% raise he is asking for his deputies. He stated they are losing deputies and come the end of April they will be down to 6 deputies.

The public was asked for comment and the following spoke on behalf of the sheriff.

Paul Stryczek, Ed Davidson, Verna Houseworth, Jim Batchelor, Matt Chastain, Randy Holt, Christina Swing, and Rick Stevens. (Recording is available in the Auditor’s office)

No decision was made by the Ripley County Council at this point.

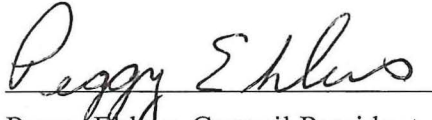
**Committees:**

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

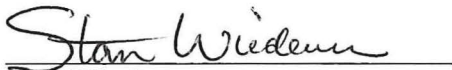
**Motion:** Councilman Bailey made the motion to Adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Katie Bailey, **Seconded** by Ron Decker. Motion passed 7 yes.

“AYE “

“NAY”

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


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

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

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

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

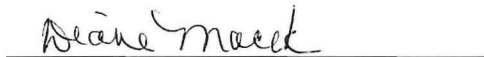
\_\_\_\_\_  
 Katie Bailey

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


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

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

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

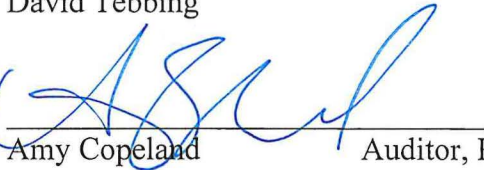
  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Diane Macek

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

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

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

ATTEST:

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amy Copeland Auditor, Ripley County

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