# **Ripley County Council Meeting**

May 15, 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 April 17, 2023 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ron Decker, **Seconded by** Diane Macek. Motion passed 6 yes.

Transfers 2023						
EMA	\$500.00	1001.35700.000.0016 County Gen/Fuel	1001.37800.000.0016 County Gen/Contractual Services	Copier Contract		
Note:	Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by David Tebbing, Seconded by Andrew Decker. Motion passed 6 yes.					
Clerk	\$25.00	1001.25300.000.0002 County Gen/Office Supplies	1001.32200.000.0001 County Gen/Dues	To pay dues that went up.		
Note:	Motion: Councilman Bailey made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Katie Bailey, Seconded by Ron Decker. Motion passed 6 yes.					
Health	\$9,499.00	8253.11603.000.0000 CoAg Grant/Clerical Nurse Assistant	8253.13300.000.0000 CoAg Grant/Insurance	To move CoAg position to full time due to grant deliverable request.		
Health	\$4,281.00	8253.11603.000.0000 CoAg Grant/Clerical Nurse Assistant	8253.18100.000.0000 CoAg Grant/Perf	To move CoAg position to full time due to grant deliverable request.		
Health	\$4,220.00	8253.11603.000.0000 CoAg Grant/Clerical Nurse Assistant	8253.11220.000.0000 CoAg Grant/Clinic Assistant	To move CoAg position to full time due to grant deliverable request.		

Note:	Motion: Councilman R Decker made the motion to approve the above 3 transfers, Action: Approve, Moved by Ron Decker, Seconded by Andrew Decker. Motion passed 6 yes.					
Additional Appropriations						
EMA	\$13,804.00	1001.36200.000.0016 County General/Emergency Plan	Matching Grant, See paper the Auditor gave you with Agenda			
Note:	Motion: Councilman R Decker made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Ron Decker, Seconded by Stan Wiedeman. Motion passed 6 yes.					
Sheriff	\$25,000.00	2002.49000.0000 Milan Legion Donation Body Cams/Equipment	To purchase body cams.			
Note:	Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by David Tebbing, Seconded by Ron Decker. Motion passed 6 yes.					
Health	\$9,753.00	8253.13300.000.0000 CoAg Grant/Insurance	To cover insurance for full time CoAg Grant position.			
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Seconded by Andrew Decker.Decker.Motion passed 6 yes.					
Court Services	\$5,669.00	1220.25300.000.0000 County Offender Transportation/Office Supplies	To correct an error per SBOA, we had in fund 1117 needed to be in 1220.			
Note:	Motion: Councilman A Decker made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Andrew Decker, Seconded by David Tebbing.Tebbing.					
Court Services	\$5,668.00	1220.32703.000.0000 County Offender Transportation/Van Mileage-Maint	To correct an error per SBOA, we had in fund 1117 needed to be in 1220.			
Note:	Motion: Councilman Macek made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Diane Macek, Seconded by Katie Bailey. Motion passed 6 yes.					

## New Business: 2024 Budget

The Council discussed the budget instructions for the year 2024.

**Motion:** Councilman R. Decker made the motion to approve the 2024 budget instructions and to send them out to all county offices, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ron Decker, **Seconded by** Diane Macek. Motion passed 7 yes.

### Economic Development - Gary Norman, Deb Tompkins, Holly Wehr & Barry Lauber

Mr. Norman was in with Ms. Tompkins, Ms. Wehr and Mr. Lauber to discuss the activities that are happening at the economic development level. They were also in to talk about their budget deficit. The County Council gave there blessing to asked for \$62,000.00 more for the year 2023.

## Old Business: Public Safety Tax

The Council has decided to proceed with the paperwork for the public safety tax. This will take time but hoping we will start to receive money by January of 2024.

#### **Other Information:**

#### **Rick Stevens – Fair Volunteer**

Mr. Stevens stated that there is a person on the park board that is making allegations about him. The person is appointed by the County Council. At this point the Council told Mr. Stevens that he needed to write a written letter to the Park Board.

## **Committee Reports:**

Economic Development – Andrew Decker - none Technology Committee - Katie Bailey - none SEI Regional Planning Committee – Diane Macek - 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 6 yes.

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