

## Ripley County Council Meeting

September 18, 2023

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

**Roll Call.**

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

Councilman President, Peggy Ehlers opened the 2023 Budget Public Hearing for Ripley County Council. No Public Comment. **Motion:** Councilman Ron Decker made the motion to approve the 2023 Budget Public Hearing. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ron Decker, **Seconded by** Andrew Decker. All in favor, motion passed.

**Motion:** Councilman Andrew Decker made the motion close the 2023 Budget Public Hearing. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Andrew Decker, **Seconded by** Diane Macek. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman President, Peggy Ehlers, opened the regular scheduled meeting of the Ripley County Council.

**Motion:** Councilman Stan Wiedeman made the motion to approve the minutes from the Budget reviews on August 15-17, 2023, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Stan Wiedeman, **Seconded by** David Tebbing. All in favor, motion

<b>Transfers 2023</b>				
Prosecutor	\$1,500.00	2501.35300.000.0047 PreTrial/Law Books	2501.12402.000.0047 PreTrial/PT Secretary	To cover the intern's pay.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman Andrew Decker made the motion to approve the above transfer, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Andrew Decker, <b>Seconded by</b> David Tebbing. All in favor, motion passed.			
Park	\$2,500.00	1219.32340.000.0050 Park/Lawn Ground Care	1219.33230.000.0050 Park/Fairground Equipment Maintenance	To cover maintenance fees that have come up.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman David Tebbing made the motion to approve the above transfer, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> David Tebbing, <b>Seconded by</b> Andrew Decker. All in favor, motion passed.			
Highway	\$30,789.00	1135.43284.000.0033 Cum Bridge/Bridge #132	1135.43209.000.0033 Cum Bridge/Bridge #133	Bridge #132 has been completed & under budget; we are asking for the funds to be transferred to Bridge #133 for demo on the bridge.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman Andrew Decker made the motion to approve the above transfer, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Andrew Decker, <b>Seconded by</b> Katie Bailey. All in favor, motion passed.			

Court Services	\$2,800.00	9177.32395.000.0000 IN Supreme Crt/CADS B - Professional Services	9177.25300.000.0000 IN Supreme Crt/CADS B - Office Supplies	To reallocate funds to pay for grant expenditures.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman David Tebbing made the motion to approve the above transfer, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> David Tebbing, <b>Seconded by</b> Stan Weidman. All in favor, motion passed.			
Court Services	\$837.72	1001.32700.000.0021 County Gen/Mileage-fuel	1001.32703.000.0021 County Gen/Van Mileage & Maintenance	Per park board to transfer more money into the assistant.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman Diane Macek made the motion to approve the above transfer, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Diane Macek, <b>Seconded by</b> Katie Bailey. All in favor, motion passed.			
Sheriff	\$385.08	1001.33800.000.0014 County Gen/Prisoner Transport	1001.25802.000.0014 County Gen/Inmate Uniforms	Inmate uniform fund is low due to purchase of jail uniforms.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman Stan 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	\$1,306.08	1001.14490.000.0007 County Gen/13th Deputy	1001.32600.000.0007 County Gen/Training	Three new deputies attending academy.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman David Tebbing made the motion to approve the above transfer, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> David Tebbing, <b>Seconded by</b> Stan Wiedeman. All in favor, motion passed.			
EMS	\$99.19	1151.37900.000.0055 EMS/Utilities	1151.29641.000.0055 EMS/Telephone	To cover overexpended telephone account.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman Katie Bailey made the motion to approve the above transfer, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Katie Bailey, <b>Seconded by</b> Diane Macek. All in favor, motion passed.			
<b>Additional Appropriations</b>				
Sheriff	\$3,867.50	1001.11100.000.0007 County General/Elected Official Sheriff		Sheriff salary is set by state & is 60% of the prosecutors' salary. The new rate starts July 1, 2023.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman Stan Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Stan Wiedeman, <b>Seconded by</b> Ron Decker. All in favor, motion passed.			

Health	\$1,030.00	1168.18100.000.0034 Health Maintenance/Perf	To cover cost for full time nursing clinic assistant.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman David Tebbing made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> David Tebbing, <b>Seconded by</b> Stan Wiedeman. All in favor, motion passed.		
EMS	\$43,000.00	1151.13300.000.0055 EMS/Group Insurance	Short fall in group insurance.
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Motion:</b> Councilman Ron Decker made the motion to approve the above additional appropriation, <b>Action:</b> Approve, <b>Moved by</b> Ron Decker, <b>Seconded by</b> Diane Macek. All in favor, motion passed.		

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:**

LIT Public Safety Tax discussed. John Ertel, County Attorney, stated that there is verbiage in question, and that he needs to get clarification from DGLF's Fred VanDorf.

**Motion:** Councilman, Ron Decker made a motion to table the discussion regarding Wesley Gibson/planning and zoning situation. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ron Decker, **Seconded by** David Tebbing. All in favor, motion passed.

New Marian Fire Chief, Charlie Meisberger, shared with Council that he would like to go back to the original 911 layout and reinstitute the 911 Board. Charlie also mentioned that fire departments use to work together and they don't have that anymore. He also mentioned that he's concerned with the new radio system and the compatibility with the current radios that some of the fire departments have.

**Other Information**

**Public Comment:** Lee Davidson approach the Council in a public capacity/as a community member and asked the County Council to have specific dollar amounts per specific departments and how we plan on spending that money, at the public meetings in October.

**Committee Reports:**

Economic Development – Andrew Decker – Nothing to report.

Technology Committee - Katie Bailey – Nothing to report.

SEI Regional Planning Committee – Diane Macek – Nothing to report. Councilman President, Peggy Ehlers, asked that the Auditor make sure that the SEI Regional Planning Commission knows that Councilman Diane Macek is now that Ripley County Council representation for their SEI Regional Planning Committee.

Solid Waste District - David Tebbing – Aaron retired.

Grants Committee - Stan Wiedeman – Nothing to report.

Councilman President, Peggy Ehlers asked that the Auditor let Greg Neise know that he was appointed to serve on the Beverage Board, congratulate him and let him know that he needs to start attending.

Executive Session scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the back Commissioners Room.

**Motion:** Councilman Stan Weideman made the motion to Adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Stan Weideman, **Seconded by** Katie Bailey. All in favor, motion passed.

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