

Ripley County Council Meeting

September 20, 2021

Councilman President, Ron Decker, opened the Budget Public Hearing with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call.

Present: Ron Decker, President, Katie Bailey, Peggy Ehlers, Stan Wiedeman, Steve Gloyd, David Tebbing, Amy Copeland; Auditor & John Ertel; Attorney, and Andrew Decker was absent.

With no public comment, Councilman Ehlers made the motion to close the 2022 Budget Public Hearing, Councilman Bailey made the motion to close the 2022 Budget Public Hearing. Motion passed 5 yes, 1 abstain, & 1 absent.

Councilman Decker opened the regular scheduled council meeting.

Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the August 16, 2021 minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Stan Wiedeman, **Seconded by** David Tebbing. Motion passed 5 yes, 1 abstain, & 1 absent.

Motion: Councilman Ehlers made the motion to approve the August 17-19, 2021 budget minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Peggy Ehlers, **Seconded by** David Tebbing. Motion passed 5 yes, 1 abstain, & 1 absent.

Transfers & Additional Appropriations

Transfer of Funds				
Area Planning	\$74.90	1001.35800.000.0015 County General/Vehicle Maintenance	1001.32700.000.0015 County General/Mileage & Fuel	To cover fuel cost for Co-Op.
Area Planning	\$600.00	1001.25300.000.0015 County General/Office Supplies	1001.32900.000.0015 County General/Printing	To cover copier maintenance expense.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above 2 transfers, Action: Approve, Moved by David Tebbing, Seconded by Steve Gloyd. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Superior Court	\$1,238.41	1001.14700.000.0022 County General/Petit Juror	1001.36600.000.0022 County General/Pauper Counsel	Pauper Counsel funds are depleted. Need additional funds to pay pauper counsel contract
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Seconded by Katie Bailey. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Prosecutor	\$2,800.00	4010.34800.000.0543 VOCA/Travel Expense	4010.25300.000.0543 VOCA/Office Supplies	Money needed in supplies to buy grant approved furniture due to COVID 19 restrictions.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by David Tebbing, Seconded by Peggy Ehlers. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			

Treasurer	\$500.00	1001.32305.000.0005 County General/Printer Maintenance	1001.25300.000.0005 County General/Office Supplies	To purchase a new Kyocera printer to replace one that is 13 years old.
Treasurer	\$745.00	1001.11600.000.0005 County General/Clerical	1001.25300.000.0005 County General/Office Supplies	To purchase a new Kyocera printer to replace one that is 13 years old.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Bailey made the motion to approve the above 2 transfers, Action: Approve, Moved by Katie Bailey, Seconded by David Tebbing. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Highway	\$60,000.00	1135.43281.000.0033 Cum Bridge/Bridge 800S	1135.32580.000.0033 Cum Bridge/Culverts	Due to increase in steel products next year (approx 30% increase) we would like to go ahead and purchase culverts with money saved on bridge 800S project.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Seconded by Peggy Ehlers. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			
Sheriff	\$436.00	1001.13801.000.0070 County General/Courthouse Security Overtime	1001.11204.000.0070 County General/Courthouse Security Officer	Had to pay out employee that resigned & hired new employee.
Sheriff	\$1,234.00	1001.18499.000.0007 County General/Longevity- Sullivan	1001.12302.000.0007 County General/9th Deputy	Had to payout deputy that resigned & hired a new deputy.
Sheriff	\$7,140.00	1001.18317.000.0014 County General/Jailer #18	1001.37501.000.0014 County General/Meals for Prisoners	Inmate count & food prices have increased.
Sheriff	\$12,940.00	1001.18308.000.0014 County General/Jailer #8	1001.37501.000.0014 County General/Meals for Prisoners	Inmate count & food prices have increased.
Sheriff	\$2,659.00	1001.15030.000.0007 County General/Longevity- Enneking	1001.11900.000.0007 County General/Chief Deputy	Longevity to be paid out of payroll fund.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to approve the above 5 transfers, Action: Approve, Moved by Stan Wiedeman, Seconded by David Tebbing. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.			

Additional Appropriations

EMS	\$500.00	9188.31001.000.0000 RCCF Grant Flotation Dev EMS	Grant to purchase personal flotation devices.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Gloyd made the motion to approve the above additional Appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Steve Gloyd, Seconded by Peggy Ehlers. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		
Area Planning	\$650.00	1001.32700.000.0015 County General/Mileage & Fuel	Fuel for the remainder of the year.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Ehlers made the motion to approve the above additional Appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by Peggy Ehlers, Seconded by Katie Bailey. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		
EMA	\$9,900.00	1001.49000.000.0016 County General/Equipment	Money will be used for upgrades to the Ripley County EMA/Health Dept incident command trailer.
Note:	Motion: Councilman Tebbing made the motion to approve the above additional Appropriation, Action: Approve, Moved by David Tebbing, Seconded by Steve Gloyd. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.		

New Business:

Councilman Decker talked about the ARP money.

Councilman Decker wants a finance committee meeting on October 4, 2021 at 12:30 to talk about the EMS building project and to talk about the Ripley County EMS having to make runs in Dearborn County.

Leah Hildebrand – 911

Ms. Hildebrand came in to let the council know that she has a dispatcher leaving after 16 years. Ms. Hildebrand is going to replace her but it also wanting to hire another 911 dispatcher. The council gave their blessing to hire another 911 dispatcher. Ms. Hildebrand also wanted an additional 2% raise for all of her employees for the incoming year of 2022. This is in addition to the 3% we already received. She also wanted a \$2,000.00 increase in her assistants pay. The council did not give their blessing to the \$2,000.00 or the additional 2% raise.

Ms. Hildebrand was very thankful for the new employee.

Rick Anderson – Johnson/Melloh Solutions

Mr. Anderson brought in an overview of the energy savings project. There was a long discussion on the project. The energy project cost is \$1,107,633.00. The Courthouse is top priority for a new HVAC system.

Scott Huffman - EMS

The Council had a very large discussion on the renovation of the EMS building in Milan. The renovation cost is \$788,000.00. The Council states that the additional appropriation needs to be done out of the American Rescue Plan grant that we have received.

Committee Reports:

Economic Development – Gary Norman - none

Technology Committee – Katie Bailey - none

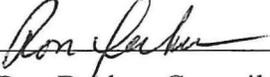
Solid Waste District – David Tebbing - none

Grants Committee – Stan Wiedeman - none

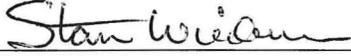
SEI Regional Planning Committee – Andrew Decker – none
Soil & Water Board – Peggy Ehlers – none

Motion: Councilman Wiedeman made the motion to Adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Stan Wiedeman, **Seconded by** David Tebbing. Motion passed 6 yes & 1 absent.

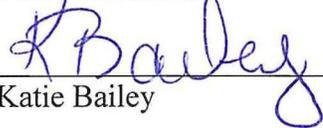
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Ron Decker, Council President



Stan Wiedeman



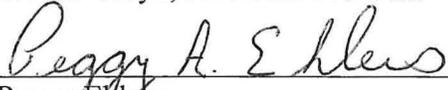
Katie Bailey



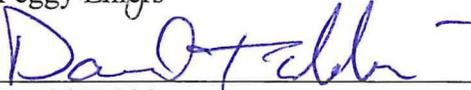
Andrew Decker



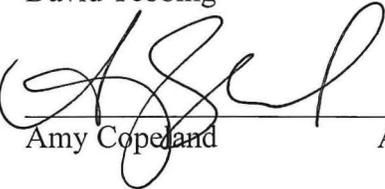
Steven Gloyd, President Pro Tem



Peggy Ehlers



David Tebbing



Amy Copeland Auditor, Ripley County

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