

Ripley County Council Meeting

February 16, 2015

The Ripley County Council met on Monday, February 16, 2015 at the Ripley County Annex in Versailles, Indiana.

Council President Ms. Dephane Smith opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Council Members Dephane Smith, Ed Armbrecht, Chad Pindell, Ron Decker, and Mark Horstman were in attendance. Council Members Bill Warren and Brenda Wetzler were absent. Also in attendance were Attorney Ertel and Auditor Wagner.

Approval of the minutes from the January 19, 2014 meeting:

Council Member Horstman moved to approve the minutes of the meeting. Council Member Decker seconded and the motion passed with 5 yes.

TRANSFERS AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Transfer of funds				
		From	To	
Superior Court	\$3,028.00	1001-44100-000-022 Law Library	1001-11400-000-0022 3rd Deputy Salary	Law library account transfer to third deputy fund. Anita Palmer will be doing research for Judge through Lexis Nexis, as needed. Publications have been cancelled to allow funding of this initiative. Additional funds available to be paid to current employee Anita Palmer. Salary will be \$30,483.
NOTES: Council Member Decker moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Pindell. Motion passes with 4 yes and Council Member Armbrecht voting NO				
Clerk	\$600.00	1001-25403-000-0023 Court Forms - Clerk Superior Court	1001-11200-000-0023 First Deputy - Clerk Superior Court	To pay employee (Michelle Cutter's) vacation, comp and sick time. Due to she is leaving effective 1-30-15.
NOTES: See vote with additional appropriations below				
Commissioners	\$5,000.00	1112-33345-000-278 EDIT Tax - Economic Devel Projects	1112-33261-000-278 EDIT Tax - Economic Devel. Corp.	To pay the invoice for the 2015 interlocal agreement
NOTES: Council Member Armbrecht moved to approve the request with a second From Council Member Horstman. Motion passed with 5 yes.				

Additional Appropriations

Highway	\$400,000.00	1176-0027-000-43100 New Equipment	for the purchase of 3 single axle dump trucks and bodies along with 3 snow plows
NOTES: Council Member Decker moved to table the request for more information with a second from Council Member Horstman. Motion passed with 5 yes.			
Clerk	\$1,253.00	1001-11200-000-0023 First Deputy - Clerk Superior Court	To pay employee (Michelle Cutter's) vacation, comp and sick time. Due to she is leaving effective 1-30-15.
NOTES: See below			
Reduction Appropriation			
Clerk	\$1,253.00	1001-11400-000-0001 Third Deputy - Clerk	Taking money from Becky Horn's Third Deputy Fund who has been on FMLA to help pay for employee (Michelle Cutter's) vacation, comp time and sick time. Due to her leaving 1-30-15.
NOTES: Council Member Horstman moved to approve the transfer, additional appropriation, and reduction appropriation of the clerk with a second from Council Member Decker. Motion passes with 5 yes.			

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

The revised Salary Ordinance for Ripley Superior Court was presented for Third Deputy. After much discussion Council Member Decker moved (with the transfer request motion) to approve the request at an amount of \$30,183.00 or \$1160.88 bi-weekly. Council Member Pindell seconded and the motion passed with 4 yes and Council Member Armbrrecht voting NO.

Assessor Shawna Bushhorn reviewed the Heritage Barn Exemption with the Council. After Discussion Council Member Armbrrecht moved to prepare an Ordinance effective 2-16-2015 that would set the application fee for the Heritage Barn Exemption at \$50.00 per structure (IC6-1.1-12-26.2). Council Member Horstman seconded and the motion passed with 5 yes.

Council President Smith read a letter from Batesville Mayor Rick Fledderman requesting the Council appoint Mr. Andy Saner to the Batesville Economic Development Board effective 2/1/2015. Council Member Armbrrecht moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Decker. Motion passed with 5 yes.

Council President Smith also read a letter from The Osgood Public Library announcing the New Library Director, Ms. Kim Porter.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Sheriff Cumberworth advised the Council he would be changing the food service vendor at the jail to Gordon Food Services.

Ripley County Tourism Director Ms. Katherine Taul provided a review of 2014 activities in the Council Members meeting packet.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Jeff Volz—Absent

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: Mr. Edward Armbrecht—None

E911 ADVISORY BOARD: Mr. Ron Decker —None

SEI REGIONAL PLANNING COMM: Ms. Dephane Smith—None

GRANTS COMMITTEE: Ms. Dephane Smith – None

SOUTHEAST INDIANA RECYCLING: Mr. Bill Warren--Absent

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Council Member Horstman to adjourn. A second was made by Council Member Pindell and the motion passed with 5 yes.

“ AYE “

“NAY”

Dephane Smith, Council President

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Brenda Wetzler

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Chad Pindell

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Bill Warren

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Mark Horstman

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Ron Decker

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Edward Armbrecht

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ATTEST:

William Lee Wagner Auditor, Ripley County William Lee Wagner