

Ripley County Council Meeting

May 16, 2016

The Ripley County Council met on Monday, May 16, 2016 at the Ripley County Annex in Versailles, Indiana.

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

First order of business was the tabled additional appropriation request from the Health Department in the April meeting. Council Member Smith moved to take the additional appropriation for MRC (\$6768.00) off the table. Council member Armbrecht seconded and the motion passed with 6 yes. The council had been informed by the health department that the request was submitted in error and wanted it withdrawn. The council took no further action and accepted the withdrawal.

Approval of the minutes from the April 18, 2016 meeting:

Council Member Decker moved to approve the minutes of the meeting. Council Member Warren seconded and the motion passed with 6 yes.

Additional Appropriations			
Highway	\$9,000.00	1135-43203-000-0033 Cumulative Bridge	Original quote of approximately \$100,000 - Original company did not respond to bid process. Paul Rohe Co. did respond with bid of approximately \$113,000 with an increase due to amount of patching and bridge deck due to sound testing.
Council Member Warren moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Smith. Motion passed with 6 yes.			
Health Department	\$625.00	9102.25355-000-0000 RCDAC Tobacco Prevention	Grant from the Ripley County Drug Awareness Coalition. Will be utilized towards Tobacco Prevention Health Education displays and educational materials.
	\$8,000.00	1159-34550-000-0034 Vaccines	We are administering more private vaccines than planned for the 2016 budget.
Council Member Smith moved to approve the request for \$625.00 with a second from Council Member Pindell. Motion passed with 6 yes. Council Member Smith then moved to approve the request for \$8000.00 with a second from Council Member Warren. Motion passed with 6 yes.			
Court Services	\$3,000.00	9129 RCATS Rent Grant	Received \$3000 Ripley County Drug Awareness Coalition Grant to pay for 10 months rent to the Tyson Activity Center for the Ripley County Alternative to Suspension (RCATS) Program.
Council Member Decker moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Pindell. Motion passed with 6 yes.			

Transfers

911		From Telecommunicator 1222-17307-000-0045	A dispatcher left employment on April 13, 2016. This position will be filled May 24, 2016. We have used more overtime than normal because of the open position. More will be needed until the new employee is trained and on her own plus the new Spillman Cad System will require more overtime for training of all employees. The funds requested to be transferred are from the unused salary of the open position.
	\$3,891.09	To Overtime 1222-13801-000-0045	
Council Member Armbrecht moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Warren. Motion passed with 6 yes.			

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Amy Phillips of the Ripley County Drug Awareness Coalition updated the Council of the services provided and the activities of the Coalition. They have also partnered with the SE Indiana region to prevent drug abuse. The grants awarded by the coalition were discussed and she advised their comprehensive plan had been approved by the State.

Council member Armbrecht addressed the way the grants were handled and the claim process for expenses of the Coalition. He requested Ms. Phillips contact the State on procedure. She advised she would do so.

Prosecutor—Mr. Ric Hertel

Mr. Hertel appeared to follow up on prior approval of salary changes for the Victim Assistance personnel and submitted a new salary ordinance for the position of Victim Assistance Coordinator and Victim Assistant. Council member Smith moved to approve the revised salary ordinance with a second from Council Member Pindell. Motion passed with 6 yes.

Mr. Hertel also advised that he would be at the next meeting with an additional appropriation for the health insurance cost that will be paid out of pre-trial diversion.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Sheriff Jeff Cumberworth appeared to request that the Council allow him to use \$1050.00 of commissary funds to put with the funds received from the sale of Mums and award 3 scholarships. Council Member Smith moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Pindell. Motion passed with 6 yes.

Sheriff Cumberworth also requested the Council approve the use of commissary funds to purchase the mums for next year. Council Member Pindell moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Decker. Motion passed with 6 yes.

Auditor Wagner presented the Council with the information for the Special LOIT Distribution and advised they had to decide where to place the unrestricted funds received of the county portion of the distribution. He informed them \$717,307.61 will be placed in a restricted fund that will be used for roads as directed by the State Statute. The Council would need to determine what fund to deposit the \$239,102.53.

Council Member Armbrrecht stated he felt it should be in a separate fund that can be tracked on how used and the balance of the funds could be determined at any time and would not be co-mingled with other funds. After discussion Council Member Decker moved to place the unrestricted funds in a home rule fund with a second from Council Member Warren. Motion passed with 5 yes and Council Member Smith abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Jeff Volz—Absent

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: Mr. Edward Armbrrecht—Sheriff’s new copier recommended.

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—None

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made to adjourn by Council Member Smith. A second was made by Council Member Warren and the motion passed with 6 yes.

“ AYE “

“NAY”

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ATTEST:

William Lee Wagner

Auditor, Ripley County

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