

Ripley County Council Meeting

May 21, 2018

The Ripley County Council met on Monday, May 21, 2018 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 Ron Decker, Mark Horstman, Ed Armbrecht, Dephane Smith, Bill Warren, and Brenda Wetzler were in attendance as well as Auditor Bill Wagner. The County Attorney John Ertel and Council Member Chad Pindell were absent.

Approval of April 16, 2018 minutes:

Council Member Armbrecht moved to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2018 with a second from Council Member Horstman. Motion passed with 6 yes.

Additional Appropriations				
EMA	\$350.00	1001.26600.000.0016 County General - Communications	This funding will be used to purchase a replacement power supply. This was raised by selling (3) obsolete generators.	
Council Member Horstman moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Warren. Motion passed with 6 yes.				
Recorder	\$7,235.00	1189.32100.000.0255 Recorders Perpetuation Fund	To preserve 2 books for historical purposes	
Council Member Horstman moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Decker. Motion passed with 6 yes.				
Transfer of funds				
		From	To	
911 Communications	\$16.35	1222.32600.000.0045 911 Communications Training	1001.39301.000.0056 Monthly Contracts	Transfer due to 911 state audit.
Council Member Smith moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Armbrecht. Motion passed with 6 yes.				
Clerk	\$114.00	1001.32700.000.0001 Mileage	1001.32200.000.0001 Dues	Was short on dues
Council Member Decker moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Horstman. Motion passed with 6 yes.				
Court Services	\$1,064.20	9147.32600.000.0000 SE REMC Grant-Training	9147.32395.000.0000 SE REMC Grant - Prof. Services	A transfer is necessary to pay vendor out of correct fund per Auditor.
	\$74.00	1001.32700.000.0021 County General Mileage	1001.31300.000.0021 County General - Auto Insurance	A transfer is necessary to pay Auto Insurance overage per the Auditor.
Council Member Horstman moved to approve both requests with a second from Council Member Decker. Motion passed with 6 yes.				

Sheriff	\$918.00	1001.99999.00.0000 Accident Reports	1101.75000.000.0000 Accident Reports	Fund # on collections report should be 1101 not 1001.
	\$2,376.21	1001.37501.000..0014 Inmate Meals	1001.28200.000.0014 Inmate Medical	Wrong fund # was on claim
Council Member Smith moved to approve both requests with a second from Council Member Warren. Motion passed with 6 yes.				

Old Business: NONE

The Council revisited the appointment of a Board Member to replace Mr. Paul Morris who had passed away. Since the individual did not show up to be interviewed Council Member Warren moved to table the appointment with a second from Council Member Horstman. Motion passed with 6 yes.

New Business:

The Council reviewed the additional appropriation request from the Southeastern Indiana Solid Waste District. Council Member Smith moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Armbrrecht. Motion passed with 5 yes and 1 NO (Council Member Warren).

OTHER INFORMATION:

Chief Probation Officer, Mr. Shannon Schmaltz, made a presentation to the Council concerning changing the vacation policy to be more in line with the surrounding counties. He provided the surrounding counties programs for comparison. He stated that the probation department had been having trouble holding and obtaining individuals for the probation jobs due to Ripley County’s current policy and requested it be reviewed and made more competitive. The Council thanked him for his information and advised the Commissioners would make the determination if the policy needed to be changed.

A letter from Jennings County was received and stated that Jennings County was doing their due diligence in contacting surrounding counties to see if there was any interest in building a regional jail.

Council Member Warren moved to respond to the letter with that Ripley County did not have any interest at this time due to the lack of information provided in the letter. Council Member Armbrrecht seconded and the motion passed with 6 yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Gary Norman—Absent

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: Mr. Edward Armbrrecht—None

E911 ADVISORY BOARD: Mr. Mark Horstman —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 attend, Council Member Horstman moved to adjourn with a second from Council Member Smith. Motion passed with 6 yes.

“ AYE “

“NAY”

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Ron Decker, President Pro Tem

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ATTEST:

William Lee Wagner Auditor, Ripley County

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