

Ripley County Council Meeting

October 19, 2015

The Ripley County Council met on Monday, October 19, 2015 at the Ripley County Annex in Versailles, Indiana.

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

Approval of the minutes from the September 21, 2015 meeting:

Council Member Decker moved to approve the minutes of the meeting. Council Member Warren seconded and the motion passed with 7yes.

TRANSFERS AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Transfers				
		From	To	
Health Department	\$3,097.00	1159-19100-000-0034 Health Fund - Workmen's Comp	1159-34550-000-0034 Health Fund - Vaccine	We are administering more private vaccines than we anticipated and we have exhausted the funds in the Vaccine Account. We need additional vaccines to carry us thru the end of the year.
Health Department	\$2,500.00	1159-34001-000-0034 Health Fund - Telephone	1159-34550-000-0034 Health Fund - Vaccine	We are administering more private vaccines than we anticipated and we have exhausted the funds in the Vaccine Account. We need additional vaccines to carry us thru the end of the year.
NOTES: Council Member Wetzler moved to approve both Health Dept. requests with a second from Council Member Horstman. Motion passed with 7 yes.				
Sheriff	\$6,000.00	1110-14400-000-0007 Seventh Deputy	1110-14480-000-0007 Eleventh Deputy	To cover remaining 2015 salary for Eleventh Deputy.
Sheriff	\$3,000.00	1110-14400-000-0007 Seventh Deputy	110-14450-000-0007 Eighth Deputy	To cover remaining 2015 salary for Eighth Deputy.
NOTES: Council Member Wetzler moved to approve both Sheriff Dept. requests with a second from Council Member Warren. Motion passed with 7 yes.				
Park	\$3,374.29	1219-32340-000-050 Park Lawn Maintenance	1219-36106-000-050 Building Maintenance	

Park	\$6,000.00	1219-11350-000-050 Caretaker	1219-33380-000-050 Water & Gas	To pay for water leak and cover Nov-Dec water bill
Park	\$946.00	1219-11350-000-050 Caretaker	1219-15100-000-050 Assistant	John was paid out of the wrong account.

NOTES: Council Member Decker moved to approve the three requests from the Park Dept. with a second from Council Member Warren. Motion passed with 7 yes.

Coroner	\$25.00	1001-25800-000-0010 Uniforms	1001-34600-000-0010 Autopsy	Pay claims - remaining autopsy budget is insufficient.
Coroner	\$500.30	1001-36300-000-0010 Other Supplies/Equip	1001-34600-000-0010 Autopsy	Pay claims - remaining autopsy budget is insufficient.
Coroner	\$125.34	1001-32600-000-0010 Training	1001-34600-000-0010 Autopsy	Pay claims - remaining autopsy budget is insufficient.
Coroner	\$75.00	1001-32200-000-0010 Dues	1001-34600-000-0010 Autopsy	Pay claims - remaining autopsy budget is insufficient.
Coroner	\$32.00	1001-31300-000-0010 Auto Insurance	1001-34600-000-0010 Autopsy	Pay claims - remaining autopsy budget is insufficient.
Coroner	\$6.09	1001-25355-000-0010 Supplies/Materials	1001-34600-000-0010 Autopsy	Pay claims - remaining autopsy budget is insufficient.

NOTES: Council Member Wetzler moved to approve the six requests from the Coroner with a second from Council Member Pindell. Motion passed with 7 yes.

Additional Appropriations

Probation	\$3,959.95	9116-49000-000-000 Tyson Versailles Fund	On 9-4-15 the Tyson Trust Trustees approved and awarded a Grant to the Ripley County Probation Department in the amount listed above for the future Ripley County Alternative to Suspension (R-CATS) program.
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NOTES: Council Member Armbrrecht moved to approve this request with a second from Council Member Pindell. Motion passed with 7 yes.

Probation	\$1,060.00	9105-32436-000-330 Juvenile Substance Abuse	Appropriate \$1060.00 additional funds for expenses in 2015 for Juvenile Substance Abuse Educational Program.
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NOTES: Council Member Decker moved to approve this request with a second from Council Member Horstman. Motion passed with 7 yes.

Sheriff	\$32,000.00	1110-13300-000-0007 Group Insurance (Sheriff)	To cover Group Insurance for the remainder of 2015.
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NOTES: Council Member Horstman moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Decker. Motion passed with 7 yes.

Appropriation Reduction

Sheriff	(\$32,000.00)	1110-13300-000-0014 Group Insurance (Jail)	Reduction to cover the Sheriff Group Insurance for the remainder of 2015.
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NOTES: Council Member Armbrrecht moved to approve this request with a second from Council Member Pindell. Motion passed with 7 yes.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Probation—Mr. Shannon Schmaltz

Mr. Schmaltz advised he had not provided enough funding in the 2016 budget for the RCATS program for students that had been expelled from school. He was advised it could not be changed at this time and he would need to request an additional in 2016 for the additional \$3000.00 funds needed.

Prosecutor—Mr. Ric Hertel

Mr. Hertel advised he had received additional funding for the Victim Assistance Grant for the State fiscal year starting October 2015. The County match increased and funding was provided in the 2016 budget.

He also advised the Council that the Indiana Department of Criminal Justice had advised him that he would be in violation of the grant if he reduced the salary of the Victim Assistance Co-Ordinator and it would have to be established at the prior rate.

City of Batesville—Merkel Road Project

Mayor Gene Lambert, Clerk Treasurer Ron Weigel, Batesville Board of Works Bill Flannery and Community/Economic Director Sarah Lamping presented the Council with an update of the Merkel Road Project and the economic development in the Business Parks in Batesville. They provided numbers of employees and the future expansion for the parks that will put additional traffic on Merkel Road and the need for the update to that road. The original cost to update the road has changed from the original estimate the commissioners were presented around 18 months ago when \$100,000.00 was committed. These funds were never requested and Batesville is requesting 50% funding from the County for the improvements to Merkel Road which is approximately \$500,000.00.

Council President Dephane Smith appointed Council Members Horstman, Wetzler, Armbrecht and the Commissioners appointed Commissioner Linville to a committee to work with Batesville on this project.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Council Member Armbrecht questioned whether the Coroner had provided job descriptions for the volunteer coroner's assistants. Auditor Wagner advised he had not received them. Council Member Armbrecht then moved to rescind the previous action allowing the Coroner 3 unpaid volunteer assistant positions for the 2016 budget period. If received consideration would be made at that time. Council Member Decker seconded and the motion passed with 7 yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

Council Member Armbrecht moved to recess the regular meeting and open the Budget Adoption Meeting for the County and Solid Waste. Council Member Horstman seconded and the motion passed with 7 yes.

The Council revisited the Community Corrections budget and made a transfer from line item keyless entry (41550) to Equipment (49000). Council Member Pindell moved to approve this with a second from Council Member Wetzler. Motion passed with 7 yes. This did not change the total budget request for 2016.

The Council revisited the Victim Assistance Grand budget and changed the Victim Assistance Coordinator to \$46,423.00 (12800). Also, postage (25600) and travel expense (34800) was reduced to zero. Council Member Wetzler moved to approve these changes with a second from Council Member Decker. Motion passed with 7 yes.

Next the Council revisited the Commissioners budget due to the increased amount of matching funds needed for the Victim Assistance Grant. Item (32327) Matching Victim Assistance was increased to \$20915.00. Council Member Wetzler moved to approve this change with a second from Council Member Horstman. Motion passed with 7 yes.

Council Member Warren then moved to approve the 2016 budget for Ripley County and Solid Waste as presented after the changes. Council member Pindell seconded and the motion passed with 7 yes.

Council Member Armbrecht moved to reconvene the regular meeting with a second from Council Member Wetzler. Motion passed with 7 yes and the meeting was reconvened.

Auditor Wagner advised the Council the December meeting would need to be changed to allow DLGF time to consider any additional appropriations needed in 2015. Council agreed to a December 14, 2015 date and this change will be advertised for the public notification.

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—None

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Council Member Wetzler to adjourn. A second was made by Council Member Horstman and the motion passed with 7 yes.

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Dephane Smith, Council President

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Mark Horstman

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ATTEST:

William Lee Wagner

Auditor, Ripley County

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