

# Ripley County Council Meeting

December 12, 2016

The Ripley County Council met on Monday, December 12, 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 Ed Armbrrecht, Ron Decker, Brenda Wetzler, Chad Pindell, Mark Horstman, and Dephane Smith were in attendance. Also in attendance were Auditor Wagner and Attorney Ertel. Council Member Warren arrived late to the meeting.

## Approval of the minutes from the November 21, 2016 meeting:

Council Member Smith moved to approve the minutes of the meeting. Council Member Horstman seconded and the motion passed with 6 yes. Council Member Warren was not yet in attendance.

Additional Appropriations				
Community Corrections	\$2,807.58	1122-11330-000-0000 Field Persons (Field Officer)	Per discussion with the Auditor, the above appropriation is requested due to the misalignment that exists between the Community Corrections budget and the County budget appropriation.	
	\$3,912.85	1122-18504-000-0000 Adulto Probation Officer		
Council Member Armbrrecht moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Pindell. Motion passed with 6 yes. Council Member Warren was not yet in attendance.				
EMA	\$5,000.00	1001-12900-000-0016 EMA - County General	Additional funding for ADA Coordinator duties in EMA Director position.	
Council Member Smith moved to not act on this as it was not needed for 2016. Council Member Horstman seconded and the motion passed with 6 yes. Council Member Warren was not yet in attendance.				
Highway	\$20,000.00	9138-86200-000-000 RSRF Grant - Highway Broom	Please see attachments to request Superior Broom DT80K	
Council Member Decker moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Horstman. Motion passed with 6 yes. Council Member Warren was not yet in attendance.				
Transfer of funds				
		From	To	
Commissioners by Auditor	\$500.00	1001-34400-000-018 CG - TB Testing for Cattle	1001-34400-000-018 CG - Telephone	To pay bills through end of year.
	\$60.00	1001-32800-000-018 CG - Meeting	1001-33270-000-018 County General	
	\$1,615.95	1001-32200-000-018 CG - Dues	1001-34400-000-018 CG - Telephone	
	\$1,000.00	1001-32800-000-018 CG - Meeting	1001-37900-000-018 CG - Utilities	
	\$200.00	1151-13300-000-0055 Group Insurance	1151-25202-000-0055 Disposables	
	\$750.00	1001-32900-000-018 County General	1001-37900-000-018 County General	
Council Member Armbrrecht moved to approve all transfers except the \$200.00 transfer from the 1151 account as this was EMS. Council Member Horstman seconded and the motion passed with 6 yes. Council Member Warren was not yet in attendance. Council Member				

Smith then moved to approve the transfer request for the \$200.00 from the 1151 account for EMS with a second from Council Member Pindell. Motion passed with 6 yes. Council Member Warren was not yet in attendance.				
Coroner	\$300.00	1001-28900-000-0010 Gas, Oil, & Lubricants	1001-34600-000-0010 Autopsy	Additional Appropriation request does not cover cases with toxicology requests only. Request transfer to pay invoices for (3) toxicology requests invoiced and additional money for two (2) additional.
	\$300.00	1001-32700-000-0010 Mileage	1001-34600-000-0010 Autopsy	
	\$350.00	1001-25800-000-0010 Uniforms	1001-34600-000-0010 Autopsy	
	\$50.00	1001-32600-000-0010 Autopsy	1001-34600-000-0010 Autopsy	
Council Member Pindell moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Horstman. Motion passed with 6 yes. Council Member Warren was not yet in attendance.				
Health Department	\$212.17	1168-18100-000-0037 Local Health Maint Fund PERF	1168-13300-000-0037 Local Health Maint Fund Group Insurane Insurance	The fund for Group Insurance was under estimated for 2016. We need this amount to balance out for the end of the year.
Council Member Smith moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Decker. Motion passed with 6 yes. Council Member Warren abstained as he had just arrived.				
RCRC	\$27.20	4911-47100-000-000 Ripley County Redevelopment Comm	4911-25300-000-0000 Ripley Co Redevelopment Comm	To pay bill to Ripley Publishing Due 2016.
Council Member Smith moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Warren. Motion passed with 7 yes.				
Sheriff	\$3,000.00	1110-25700-000-0007 Garage & Motors	1110-13801-000-0007 Deputy Overtime	To cover remaining overtime for 2016.
	\$6,285.93	1110-25700-000-007 Garage & Motors	1110-13300-000-007 Group Insurance	To cover balance in 2016.
Council Member Smith moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Decker. Motion passed with 7 yes.				

### OLD BUSINESS:

The Merkel Road Project was discussed. It was determined that the commitment made by Ripley County could not be encumbered as some of those funds were from 2105 and the balance 2016. Also the road project had not been started yet. Council Member Armbricht moved to let the appropriations revert back to the fund at the end of 2016 and when the road project begins an appropriation for funds would be made. Council Member Horstman seconded and the motion passed with 7 yes.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Thompson Power Equipment, LLC appeared to request a location they were moving to in Ripley County be determined an Economic Revitalization Area and a tax abatement be granted. Council Member Pindell moved to table until additional information could be obtained. Council Member Warren seconded and the motion passed with 7 yes.

Auditor Wagner advised the Council the current accounts payable deputy would be moving to the Clerk's office 1-1-2017. This means that a new hire would need to take place and training start over. He advised that this would require more hours for the current staff and an overtime line item would need to be put into the 2017 budget. This will be addressed in 2017.

Auditor Wagner informed the Council that the previous Salary Ordinance signed for 2017 had some incorrect lines that were pulled into the report and he presented the corrected 2017 Salary Ordinance. Council Member Armbricht moved to sign the corrected 2017 Salary Ordinance with a second from Council Member Pindell. Motion passed with 7 yes.

Auditor Wagner presented the Council with the 2016 Encumbrances into the 2017 budget year. Council Member Smith moved to approve the Encumbrances with a second from Council Member Warren. Motion passed with 7 yes.

Council Member Smith then nominated Council Member Warren to remain on the Solid Waste Board representing the Council. Council Member Decker seconded and the motion passed with 7 yes.

**OTHER INFORMATION:**

Mr. Gary Norman, Ripley County Economic Director, spoke to the Council stating there were projects completed in 2016 (Pike Lumber \$5 million expansion) and projects he could discuss planned for 2017 (Napoleon Hardwood Expansion and API had purchased the Hazen Paper Company and would be starting a second production line)

**PUBLIC COMMENT: none**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Jeff Volz—Absent**

**TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: Mr. Edward Armbrrecht—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 attend, Council Member Horstman moved to adjourn with a second from Council Member Smith. Motion passed with 7 yes.

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