

REGULAR MEETING

RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL

JULY 12, 2017

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Charles Smith, Janet Kile, Scott Barnes, Steve McCorkle, and Jodi Harr, Auditor. Marvin Hedrick, Warren Norris and county attorney Leigh Morning were absent.

Gerald Mohr called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the regular meeting of June 14, 2017 were approved on a motion by Steve McCorkle and seconded by Scott Barnes. Motion carried.

Minutes from the Special Joint meeting with the Rush County Commissioners on June 22, 2107 were approved on a motion by Charles Smith and seconded by Steve McCorkle. Motion carried.

EXTENSION OFFICE

Gracie Marlatt presented the Rush County Parenting Resources Guide to each of the council members. The goal is to distribute the guides to the Rush County Schools to have available for parents. They are looking for ways to get them to parents who do not have children in public schools by possibly working with Township Trustees.

Marlatt reported that the new Community Wellness Co-ordinator has started in Rush County. Her salary is federally funded through Purdue. Her role is to look at policies, procedures and development.

EMS COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

Sheriff Jim Cowan requested permission to advertise an additional appropriation in the E911 fund in the amount of \$196,903.60. This includes \$106,978 for the joint systems infrastructure, \$62,556.80 for sheriff deputy equipment and \$27,368.80 for EMA equipment. Auditor Jodi Harr has emailed the State of Indiana 911 Board to confirm that all of the equipment can be purchased from the 911 fund since a portion of the county Public Safety Income Tax is receipted into the 911 fund each month. Steve McCorkle made the motion to allow to advertise an additional appropriation in the County E911 fund using the public safety portion receipted into that fund. Scott Barnes seconded. Motion carried. Steve McCorkle made a motion to allow the advertisement of the \$62,556.80 and \$27,368.80 in the County Public Safety Fund if it is not allowed to be paid in the E911 fund. Scott Barnes seconded. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER REORT

Commissioner Mark Bacon updated the council on courthouse repairs and maintenance. As part of the approved courthouse study, a drone is here today viewing the entire courthouse especially the roof. We have had a large amount of leaks with the heavy rains recently. Environmental Assurance Company Inc. is repairing the ceiling in the circuit court room.

On Monday, July 10, the commissioners approved the additional contract with DLZ to do the redesign of the new jail project. The plan is to start construction in October of this year.

The commissioners have not found anyone to do the county ambulance study.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Cowan reported on the sheriff and jail department statistics and updates. The average daily inmate population has been 66. Currently there are 54 inmates housed at the jail. Two new K9 officers have been placed in service at the sheriff department. The department has already seen positive results from them. The current jail has also experienced several leaks during the heavy rains.

Sheriff Cowan requested two transfers in the Public Safety LIT County Share Fund 1170. \$382.32 from capital outlays into social security and \$7,786.00 from capital outlays into part time. This will allow one full time jail co-commander and one part time civil processor to be paid in this fund for the remaining of 2017. Steve McCorkle made the motion to approve both transfers. Charles Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Sheriff Cowan informed the council that three of the deputy cars have over 100,000 miles on them. There was nothing approved in the 2017 budgets for vehicle replacement with the understanding that it would be looked at when the council knew how much money was going to be in the public safety fund. Charles Smith made the motion to approve advertising \$100,000 additional appropriation in the Public Safety LIT County Share Fund 1170 for the purchase of deputy vehicles in 2017. Steve McCorkle seconded. Motion carried.

Cowan alerted those in attendance of five Angus cattle that are loose in the southwest part of the county.

Fentanyl was found at a drug situation. He alerted first responders to be very careful when responding to calls.

Sheriff Cowan updated the council on the switch over from Code Red Alert system to Nixle. There have been 4,900 people sign up for the program. He feels it is more efficient and half the price as Code Red. Some people in attendance have signed up but not received any notices. Cowan will check on that.

The current jail physician has indicated that he may not want to continue as the inmate physician once the new jail is built. Sheriff Cowan is looking into other options for medical coverage.

Cowan has talked to Rush Memorial regarding their current price of \$1.92 per inmate per meal. Rush Memorial does not wish to provide that service for less than \$1.92. Gordon Food Service will provide the meals for \$1.10 per inmate per meal. He has visited another jail using Gordon Food Service. Meals are required to be viewed and approved by a dietician. The food is currently prepared in the jail and would continue to be prepared at the jail.

GIS ELECTRONIC MAP FUND

Auditor Jodi Harr requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$9,125.00. The funds will be used to purchase an additional ArcGIS Desktop Standard Concurrent Use License in the amount of \$6,300.00. It is needed now that we have someone who can be a back up to our current GIS Administrator. The remaining \$2,825.00 will be used for any additional cost that may be needed with the server update. Janet Kile made the motion to approve the additional appropriation. Scott Barnes seconded. Motion carried.

PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION

Prosecutor Phil Caviness was not able to attend the meeting but did request an additional appropriation in the Pre-Trial Diversion Fund # 2502 in the amount of \$5,275.00 for the remaining salary and Social Security for the county deputy prosecutor. This amount was cut from the county general budget during the 2017 budget hearings with the understanding that the remaining pay would be paid from this fund. Charles Smith made the motion to approve the additional appropriation. Steve McCorkle seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Smith made the motion to approve the additional pay in the current Salary Ordinance 2016-3. Janet Kile seconded. Motion carried.

PROSECUTOR

Prosecutor Phil Caviness applied for a grant through the community corrections grant program. He was awarded \$20,000. Two new funds need to be created. Steve McCorkle made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-1 creating the Rush County Prosecutor’s Deferral Grant Award Fund 1006. The local fund number will be 9110. Charles Smith seconded. Motion carried. Janet Kile made the motion to approve Ordinance 2017-2 creating the Rush County Prosecutor’s Deferral Grant Project Income Fund. The local fund number will be 2506. Steve McCorkle seconded. Motion carried. This grant will supplement salaries for a probation officer and a deputy prosecutor.

Caviness also requested an additional appropriation of the \$20,000 for the Rush County Prosecutor’s Deferral Grant Award Fund 1006. Charles Smith made the motion to approve the additional appropriation. Steve McCorkle seconded. Motion carried.

Caviness applied for and received a grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. This is a \$55,000 reimbursement grant. It does require a 25% match from the county. The state is still waiting to receive the federal award letter before reimbursements can be made. Caviness is proposing to pay the 25% match from the deferral fund. Charles Smith made the motion to permit advertising of the additional appropriation for the grant. Janet Kile seconded. Motion carried.

Steve McCorkle moved to adjourn. Scott Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

<u>/Gerald Mohr/</u>	<u>/absent/</u>	<u>/Charles Smith/</u>
Gerald Mohr, Chairman	Warren Norris	Charles Smith
<u>/Janet Kile/</u>	<u>/absent/</u>	<u>/Scott Barnes/</u>
Janet Kile	Marvin Hedrick	Scott Barnes
<u>/Steve McCorkle/</u>		
Steve McCorkle		

ATTEST:

/Jodi Harr/
Jodi Harr, Auditor