

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, March, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Chairman, Warren Norris, Charles Smith, Janet Kile, Scott Barnes, Steve Mc Corkle, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance. Marvin Hedrick was absent.

Gerald Mohr called the regular meeting to order.

Minutes of the February 10th regular meeting were approved on a motion by Charles Smith. Scott Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Community Corrections/Work Release- Sheriff Cowan requested that the addition funds of \$9,500 be appropriated to purchase a transport van. Steve McCorkle moved to approve. Scott Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION TRANSFER

Sheriff Jim Cowan also requested transfers in the Community Corrections/Work Release budget to assist in the purchase of a van. Steve McCorkle moved to approve a transfer from Social Security to Van Purchase in the amount of \$1,000. Charles Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A transfer of \$4,000 from Part Time to Van Purchase was approved on a motion by Steve McCorkle and seconded by Warren Norris. Motion carried.

Community Corrections executive director, Ashley Stevens explained the need for a transfer from Chief Probation Officer to Office Supplies in the amount of \$4,000 in the Adult Probation User Fees Fund. Charles Smith moved to approve and Steve McCorkle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Clerk requested a transfer of \$1,500 for voting equipment. A motion to approve the transfer from Election Services Maintenance to Election Voting System was offered by Janet Kile and seconded by Warren Norris. Motion carried.

911 DIGITAL RADIOS

Fire Chiefs President, Nick White reported the location of repeaters on 650 N and the water tower in Milroy at a cost of \$28,716.55 and the licensing for the system is forthcoming.

AIC DISTRICT MEETING

Mary Ann Beard, Auditor informed the Council that the Association of Indiana Counties' district meeting will be held on April 14th in Shelbyville.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Cowan reported security officers have made 6 Courthouse arrests this year. The Sheriff also reported 5 gun permits, 3 tax warrants and 9 cash bonds have been issued this week. The jail population stands at 39. The Sheriff was asked to bring sheriff car replacement plans to the next meeting.

EXTENSION

Gracie Marlatt reported that 2 candidates have been interviewed for the educator position and someone should be appointed within a month.

EMA

Councilman Steve McCorkle reported on a recent EMA meeting. New security cameras are being installed in the courthouse with the cost of the cameras at \$29,452 and the installation cabling at \$4,800. EMA director Chuck Kemker is working on three grants. Earlier storm damage has been confirmed as an EF1 tornado damaging 9 homes and 16 outbuildings.

COUNTY GENERAL LOAN

Attorney Leigh Morning presented an ordinance allowing a loan of \$500,000 from the Rainy Day Fund to the General Fund to alleviate a cash flow issue. The following resolution was approved on a motion by Steve McCorkle and seconded by Charles Smith. Motion carried.

JAIL CONSTRUCTION REVENUE

Auditor Mary Ann Beard stated the Jail Construction Revenue from the new CAGIT rate is being receipted into the Construction Fund. Beard will advertise for an additional appropriation for the next meeting so the funds may be used to pay expenses of the project.

JOINT MEETING

The following Commissioners joined the meeting to discuss construction topics for the jail project: Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon, and Paul Wilkinson.

Eric Ratts of DLZ Engineers and Jack Krouse of CCI also joined the meeting.

Mr. Ratts reported on the Rush County trip to Steel Cell North America, Georgia where the group witnessed the construction of specialized modular steel jail cells and visited the Habersham County Jail and the Clark County Jail. After the presentation, the time line for construction was addressed.

Leigh Morning stated that Judge Day from Decatur County will be hearing the eminent domain case.

Josh Hornberger representing Duke Energy shared that his company is planning to reroute the electric lines away from the jail location. Mr. Hornberger stated that the move would not start until the fall. Mr. Ratts asked if that date could be earlier because anticipated construction start is August. The Duke representative stated that the project must be re-engineered and there was little expectation to have the project completed in August. It was requested to have Duke Energy's program manager attend the Commissioner meeting on March 21st.

Charles Smith moved to adjourn. Scott Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/ Gerald Mohr
Gerald Mohr, Chairman

/s/ Warren Norris
Warren Norris

/s/ Charles Smith
Charles Smith

/s/ Janet Kile
Janet Kile

/s/ Marvin Hedrick
Marvin Hedrick

/s/ Scott Barnes
Scott Barnes

/s/ Steve McCorkle
Steve McCorkle

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor