

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Chairman, Warren Norris, Charles Smith, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, Scott Barnes, Steve Mc Corkle, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Gerald Mohr called the regular meeting to order.

Minutes of the January 13th regular meeting were approved on a motion by Marvin Hedrick. Charles Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE

The Health Department requested an amended salary ordinance for the Health Emergency Preparedness Grant. The amount of \$5,759.20 was approved on a motion by Warren Norris. Steve Mc Corkle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

The following additional appropriation requests were presented for consideration:

- County General/Public Defender, \$10,000 per David Malson. Motion to approve was made by Marvin Hedrick and seconded by Warren Norris. Motion carried.
- A request for \$5,000 to be appropriated in the Pre-Trial Diversion Fund. Motion to approve by Charles Smith and seconded by Scott Barnes. Motion carried.
- Community Corrections requested that the addition grant funds of \$71,800 be appropriated. Warren Norris moved to approve. Scott Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- A request to appropriate \$39,646 in the Health Emergency Preparedness Grant was approved on a motion by Steve McCorkle and seconded by Janet Kile.
- Clerk Debbie Richardson requested that \$1,050 be appropriated in the Campaign Finance Enforcement fund. Charles Smith moved to approve with Scott Barnes seconding the motion. Motion carried.
- In order to move Sheriff's Fuel from County General to CAGIT an appropriation in the amount of \$75,000 was requested. Steve McCorkle moved to allow the appropriation. Marvin Hedrick seconded the request. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION TRANSFER

Recorder Kevin Spilman requested a transfer of funds in the Recorder's Perpetuation fund from Equipment Maintenance to Supplies. Marvin Hedrick moved to approve. Janet Kile seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AUDITOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Mary Ann Beard, Auditor reported that the General Fund is experiencing a cash flow problem. With tax distribution estimated to be in late June, Beard suggested a temporary loan from the Rainy Day Fund. This issue will be addressed at the next meeting.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Cowan reported that training has been scheduled with the County's liability insurance carrier for a driving simulator and fire arms simulator on March 16th and 17th. The inmate count at the jail is 29.

The Sheriff presented a report of the vehicles in the department's fleet. Steve McCorkle stated that the county needs to fund new cars. Auditor Beard explained that there is \$130,000 budgeted for cars in 2016. Councilman Barnes asked if a lease agreement is available or are there grants available? Marvin Hedrick shared that the Sheriff cars are the road deputies' office. The Sheriff stated that we can't keep using junk.

911 DIGITAL RADIOS

Several members of the county volunteer fire departments were present to discuss the proposed purchase of emergency digital radios. Manilla, Glenwood, Carthage, and the Anderson Township Volunteer fire departments submitted letters of agreement that the departments would maintain and insure radios purchased by the county. Raleigh fire department reported that they have spent \$78,000 to purchase and maintain their own digital radios. Councilman McCorkle compiled a list of questions regarding the purchase of the radios. McCorkle asked those present, how much money could be paid by the departments?

Sheriff Cowan suggested that the 911 Board and the Fire Chiefs have a meeting to prepare a comprehensive plan to replace radios.

EXTENSION

Gracie Marlatt reported that the annual report is in the Extension Office if there were any questions. The annual meeting is February 25th. The summer assistant position has been advertised.

ANNUAL HEALTH & BENEFITS FAIR

Marvin Hedrick announced that the 6th annual health & benefits fair is scheduled for April 6th. A new system is being devised to improve the flow of people.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

APC member Scott Barnes reported no APC business so the meeting has been cancelled.

RALEIGH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Verlin Custer provided the 2015 time reports for the Raleigh Fire & EMS. This report provides response times & types for fire & EMS runs. It also includes mutual aid runs.

ELECTION EQUIPMENT

Clerk Debbie Richardson requested a purchase of a card reader for the election but stated she may need a transfer of funds to pay for the equipment. The Council advised her to order the reader and request a transfer at the next meeting if needed.

Marvin Hedrick moved to adjourn. Warren Norris 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