

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, April 13, 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 March 9th meeting were approved on a motion by Warren Norris. Charles Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ECDC

Janet Kile reported on the activities of the ECDC Board. Ivy Tech will be relocating adjacent to the Princess Theater. The Ivy Tech training center in Connersville will be closing. ECDC is working with Ivy Tech on an option to purchase the old Rush County Players building owned by Mike and Theresa Bailey to house a training center to be operated by Ivy Tech. Local factories are in support of a Rushville training center.

The proposed apartment/retail project in the former Salvation Army Building is moving forward.

HEALTH COMMITTEE

Marvin Hedrick shared that the employee health fair went well. Approximately 95% of the employees received a health screening from Rush Memorial Hospital and had the opportunity to discuss benefit issues with eight vendors.

The Health Committee is working closely with our insurance provider to examine changes that will allow us to continue to provide affordable health insurance to our employees.

APC/BZA

Councilman Barnes reported activities of the APC. Legal Counsel Grant Reeves has a judicial review hearing this afternoon. There are scheduled BZA hearings tonight on a CAFO & Dairy request. Mr. Barnes shared that Byrant Niehoff is doing a good job as Executive Director of the APC and he will be more beneficial to the office when he is available full time.

EMA

Councilman Steve McCorkle reported that the licenses for the fire department radios have not been received. New security cameras are currently being installed in the courthouse.

JAIL CONSTRUCTION REVENUE

Auditor Mary Ann Beard stated the Jail Construction Revenue from the new CAGIT rate is being receipted into the Construction Fund and that she is now able to forecast what that the revenue will be for the year. An additional appropriation for \$1,900,706.00 was presented so the income tax revenue may be used to pay expenses of the project. Marvin Hedrick moved to approve the additional appropriation. Steve McCorkle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REDEVELOPMENT REPORT

Mary Ann Beard as treasurer of the Rush County Redevelopment Commission presented the required April 15th report on the Milroy TIF district. There was some discussion on the recent proposed city TIF district.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Cowan distributed copies of the annual jail report. New placards for the courthouse doors are being ordered by the Sheriff due to the incidents of long knife weapons being found within the building. Law enforcement officers have participated in the three day Active Shooter training as well as Car Radar training. Cowan presented his jail report which showed the inmate population growing to 53.

Hancock & Shelby counties have interdiction teams that patrol the interstate for drug trafficking. Rush County patrol officers are receiving training to implement in Rush County.

The Spilman computer system has received an updated data base and a new server.

Cowan also reported that the jail roof continues to leak.

AIC DISTRICT MEETING

Mary Ann Beard, Auditor reminded the Council that the Association of Indiana Counties' district meeting and Department of Local Government Finance training will be begin at 4:00p.m. on Thursday, April 14th in Shelbyville.

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