

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, May 11, 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 April 13th meeting were approved on a motion by Charles Smith. Steve McCorkle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton reported that bridge #127 over Little Blue River on County Road 900 W needs to be replaced. Sitton would like to submit this bridge as a federal project.

Senate Enrolled Act 67 allows Rush County \$749,912.06 in LOIT distributions to for roads and bridges. Sitton would like to earmark \$552,000 of that distribution for the match of the federal aid project. Marvin Hedrick moved to sign a letter of support for the project and allow \$552,000 LOIT funds for the replacement of bridge #127. Steve McCorkle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **SEA 67**

Auditor Mary Ann Beard explained that Senate Enrolled Act 67 allows for individual counties' County Adjusted Gross Income Tax (CAGIT) that has been held in reserve by the State to be distributed by to the corresponding counties. A minimum of 75% of these funds are to be used for local roads and bridges. The remaining 25% may be deposited into the Rainy Day Fund, General Fund, or any other designated fund. In light of the financial situation, Charles Smith moved to deposit \$249,970.68 into the County General Fund. Janet Kile seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **COMMUNITY CORRECTONS**

Judge Brian Hill appeared before the Council to request transfers in the Community Corrections Fund. The Judge explained that there was a new case manager budgeted for 2015/2016. This position was not filled until recently, so the remainder of the related appropriations could be transferred to be used in other line items. The following five transfers were approved on separate motions.

- \$30,461.51 Case Manager #2 to Equipment Leasing. Motion by Steve McCorkle and seconded by Warren Norris.
- \$557.49 Case Manager #2 to Office Supplies. Motion by Charles Smith and seconded by Scott Barnes.
- \$4,000.00 PERF to Office Equipment. Motion by Scott Barnes and seconded by Marvin Herdrick.

- \$329.82 FICA to Office Supplies. Motion by Warren Norris and seconded by Steve McCorkle.
- \$1,112.69 PERF to Office Supplies. Motion by Steve McCorkle and seconded by Charles Smith.

Judge Hill also reported that there are currently three participants in the newly formed Drug Court Program.

### **AREA PLAN**

Auditor Beard reported that the first invoice has been received for the APC Inter-local Agreement and that she had addressed the billing process with the Mayor and Clerk Treasurer. The Mayor explained that the city pays the county portion of property taxes as well as the city portion and therefore a credit was given to the city based on a percentage of the taxes paid. Mayor Pavey also stated that this year's budget was based on estimates and was still a work in progress.

Beard told the council that the projection of expenses for the Area Plan Commission exceeded the approved budget and that a \$50,000 additional appropriation would most likely be needed by the end of the year. A transfer in the amount of \$15,754.25 from Part time to Attorney's fees was approved on a motion by Charles Smith and seconded by Steve McCorkle. Charles Smith also moved to approve a transfer of \$2,524.00 from supplies to Plan Consultant. Warren Norris seconded the motion and the motion carried.

### **APEX WIND**

Resident Craig Custer has sent e-mail messages to the Council but is having issues getting them to the correct address. Custer stated that he is still in favor of the Flat Rock Wind project and asked the Council to please consider an abatement for the project when APEX presents its request.

### **JAIL CONSTRUCTION**

Verlin Custer stated that the jail committee was formed well over a year ago and the committee recommended to build the new jail in its current location. Custer asked if Duke Energy was detaining the project because of issues in moving the electric poles. Mr. Custer asked about the funding of the jail and how it will be funded if the income tax forecast falls short of projection. Councilmen Marvin Hedrick and Charles Smith will meet with the Auditor and staff to discuss the finances of the new jail.

### **STELLAR DESIGNATION**

Mayor Mike Pavey announced that although the City's application for Stellar designation was eliminated the first time, but this year Rushville has been selected as one of the final three in the large communities division. If chosen, the city would be eligible to apply for \$12 million to \$24 million in grants offered by OCRA, INDOT, and Indiana Housing and Community Development.

Brian Sheehan has been working to identify criteria for the presentation on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The City is asking for a letter of recommendation from the County Council and Commissioners endorsing the initiative. Perhaps a financial commitment and a secured plan for the new downtown jail could be added to the letter.

### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Prosecutor Phil Caviness requested an addition appropriation in the Pre-Trial Deferral Fund for grants fund that were received. Warren Norris moved to allow \$1,030.03 for drug testing supplies and \$968.99 for drug testing equipment. Marvin Hedrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **EIRPC APPOINTMENT**

The County Council has one appointment on the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission. Marvin Hedrick moved to nominate Janet Kile and Scott Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **BONDS**

An ordinance is required to approve the use of a blanket bond for county employees. Janet Kile moved to allow for such an ordinance. Charles Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **SOLID WASTE**

Director Carole Yeend reported that the State Board of Accounts completed the audit of the Solid Waste District and there were no comments. Yeend thanked the Sheriff for assisting with the bagging of the free trees and noted that there is a worm factory residing in her office.

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Jim Cowan reported 59 inmates currently being housed in a jail with a capacity of 46. Two new sex offenders and 2 new fraud cases were logged this week. An arrest on a sex offender case, and an arrest on a 2013 burglary were made this week.

Centerstone and Meridian health services are working on a program for mental therapy of inmates incarcerated for drug offenses and Pastor George Huff provides spiritual therapy. The Sheriff warned that there has been a sizable increase in prisoner transports and that the part time appropriation may run short. A report was distributed which showed a projection of the replacement of sheriff cars. Marvin Hedrick and Steve McCorkle volunteered to meet with the Sheriff and to return in June with the recommendation of the car replacements.

### **COUNCIL STATE CALLED MEETING**

Mary Ann Beard, Auditor reminded the Council that the annual state called meeting by the State Board of Accounts in Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> in Shelbyville. Warren Norris, Charles Smith, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, and Steve McCorkle asked the auditor to register them for this conference.

## **REPORTS**

Councilman Steve McCorkle reported that there is no additional word on the licenses for the fire department radios.

Steve McCorkle moved to adjourn. Charles Smith 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