

SPECIAL MEETING RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

The Rush County Council met in special session for a budget workshop on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Chairman, Warren Norris, Charles Smith, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, Scott Barnes, Steve McCorkle, and Mary Ann Beard, Auditor.

Gerald Mohr called the budget workshop to order. Financial Deputy Jodi Harr explained the budget spreadsheet and the latest fund report that were distributed.

The Board began the review of the 2016 budgets compared to what was requested for 2017. Marvin Hedrick commented on the Sheriff's request to move three (3) dispatchers to the E911 budget. Steve McCorkle stated that there are currently three (3) dispatchers funded by that budget. Auditor Beard explained that additional funds are now being deposited in the PSAP 911 fund and that amount would cover the additional dispatchers.

The largest increase in the projected budget is health insurance. Marvin Hedrick asked if the insurance contract could be bid out for he has received information from some interested agents. Councilman Mohr suggested that the insurance committee consider other proposals and make a recommendation to the Commissioners.

Residents Verlin and Craig Custer addressed the Council with a discussion of the economic financial impact of wind turbines. Mr. Custer presented facts & figures and stated that the county would not be in this financial crisis if wind farms had been approved.

Council members reviewed the entire proposed general fund budget and also studied the EDIT fund budget particularly the proposal for emergency ambulance service. Auditor Beard was instructed to send Rush Memorial CEO Brad Smith a request to attend the budget hearing on September 13th at 2:00p.m. Smith will be asked to bring quarterly financial reports required by the EMS contract and monthly reports with physical addresses of the dispatch locations.

The consensus of the council was that budget hearings will begin with the approved 2016 budgets and add and delete requests as necessary.

Charles Smith moved to adjourn at 12:45. Steve McCorkle second 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