

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

Gerald Mohr called the meeting to order and offered congratulations to the council members who were recently re-elected.

The following minutes were approved:

- The joint session with the Commissions was approved on a motion by Charles Smith and seconded by Steve McCorkle.
- The minutes of the regular meeting of October 12<sup>th</sup> were approved. Marvin Hedrick made the motion and Janet Kile seconded it.
- The executive session of October 13<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved with Charles Smith initiating the action and Warren Norris offering the second.
- Minutes of the public hearing were approved with a change of date to October 28<sup>th</sup>. Steve McCorkle made the motion to approve and Marvin Hedrick seconded the motion.

### **HOSPITAL BOARD**

Council representatives to the Rush Memorial Hospital Board of Directors Denny Corn and Kip Burkett presented a report of activities taking place at the hospital. There are monthly meetings conducted with the staff. Dr. Reed Hoyer will be providing hand to shoulder surgery and cataract surgery is also available at our local facility. The Walk-in Clinic has been very successful, seeing 60 patients per day. The MRI machine will be replaced which will require a new addition to the building. New signage and landscaping has been added to the campus and a new shuttle bus has been purchased by donated funds.

### **AREA PLAN**

Acting APC director Marvin Rees requested a transfer in the APC budget of \$500 from plan consultant to supplies. Marvin Hedrick moved to allow the request and Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried. Charles Smith then moved to allow a \$1,000 transfer from plan consultant to legal services. Scott Barnes seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Attorney Leigh Morning presented a draft of the separation Inter-local Agreement. There was a question regarding a purchase of a copier during the term of the inter-local agreement. No action was taken until more information could be provided.

### **HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested an additional appropriation of cumulative bridge funds of \$50,450 for engineering fees for Bridge #170. The State will be paying 50% of the construction cost.

Steve McCorkle moved to allow the request and Janet Kile seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **HEALTH**

Dr. Fred Phillips presented a request for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,838.33 from home health aide salary to overtime to pay compensation time to health department employee Terri Nigh. Phillips explained that the accrued time was due to training that Nigh attended, and that this should not be an issue in the future. Marvin Hedrick shared with Dr. Phillips that he has had complaints from the public regarding this position. Steve McCorkle moved to allow the transfer while Scott Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **SHERIFF**

Chief Deputy Dave Sliger reported in the absence of Sheriff Jim Cowan. The first order of business was the request for additional appropriations. A request for an additional jail phones in the amount of \$4,500 and \$6,300 for water & sewer was averted when the council requested that funds be transferred to cover these shortages. An additional appropriation of \$31,656 for jail meals was approved on a motion by Steve McCorkle and a second by Scott Barnes. Motion carried. Bulletproof Vest funds of \$5,454.95 were appropriated when Marvin Hedrick moved to allow the action and Steve McCorkle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sliger submitted the Sheriff's report showing 50 inmates currently incarcerated. There were 400 calls answered by dispatch. A burglary and a fatality are still under investigation. The Sheriff submitted a letter to spend up to \$4,000 of the commissary fund for the annual awards banquet. The funds will be used for a meal and a gift for department employees. Steve McCorkle moved to allow the expenditure. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Deputy Sliger also reported that 3 Ford Explorers have been ordered from Inskeep Ford in Greenfield at a cost of \$28,000 each.

## **AUDITOR**

Auditor Mary Ann Beard presented a request that \$11,000 be appropriated to be used for the preservation of plat books. Janet Kile moved to allow the request. Scott Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Beard also requested an amendment to the salary ordinance in the amount of \$1,968.35 for a GIS technician in training. Charles Smith moved to allow and Scott Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Marvin Hedrick moved to approve the request to appropriate \$430,000 for health insurance from the CAGIT fund. Steve McCorkle seconded the request. Motion carried.

Beard explained that disbursements to the State of Indiana must be made by ACH (automated clearing house). Permission to also disburse tax payments to county tax units was acquired on a motion by Marvin Hedrick. Janet Kile seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **CORONER**

Coroner Christine Hall asked for a transfer of \$300 from Gas & Filters to Miscellaneous. Charles Smith moved to allow the transfer. Janet Kile seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **2017 APPOINTMENTS**

The list of annual appointments was given to the board. Scott Barnes announced that he wants to be replaced on the Area Plan Commission. Barnes stated that he thought that breaking the joint agreement with the City of Rushville was the wrong decision. Craig Custer spoke that Mark Bacon wanted to keep the agreement and asked why the County Council made the decision it did. Charles Smith stated that he felt the City has different directions and that the decision would go to the Attorney General. APC member Jeff Slaton asked for direction in finding a new director.

Marvin Cole was given a temporary appointment to the APC for wind issues only through the current litigation period. Marvin Hedrick made the motion. Scott Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gerald Mohr announced that the Rush County Courthouse was selected as one of the ten most beautiful courthouses in the State by the Rotary Club of Plainfield. The Rotary sponsored the project as an official Bicentennial Commission Legacy Project. The award celebration will be held on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00p.m.

Steve McCorkle moved to adjourn. Warren Norris seconded the motion and the meeting was closed.

/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

Absent  
Steve McCorkle

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard  
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor