

REGULAR MEETING**RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL****NOVEMBER 8, 2017**

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Steve McCorkle, Charles Smith, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, Scott Barnes, Jodi Harr, Auditor and County attorney Leigh Morning. Warren Norris was absent.

Gerald Mohr called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the regular meeting of October 11, 2017 were approved on a motion by Steve McCorkle and seconded by Scott Barnes. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent, requested approval of an additional appropriation in Highway Fund 1176 in the amount of \$150,000.00. This will be the county's share of the cost to fix the side slope washout along Blue River on Carthage Pike. Charles Smith made the motion to approve the additional appropriation to the Highway fund in the amount of \$150,000.00. Steve McCorkle seconded. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

Carole Yeend is a member of Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission. They are sponsoring a program titled The Digital Age: So What?. The program will discuss the importance of becoming digital now rather than later. She would like to see Rush County participate in this program from the beginning. There will be a presentation in Richmond on November 14, 2017 if anyone would like to attend.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Cowan requested a transfer in the amount of \$5,445.00 in the County General Sheriff budget from account 20040 gasoline to account 30051 auto insurance. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve the requested transfer. Steve McCorkle seconded. Motion carried.

Cowan reported on department statistics. There are currently 54 inmates housed at the jail. They have used stop leak on the generator in hopes that will stop the leak. Steve McCorkle complimented the Reserve officers on the way they professionally handled a situation.

Marvin Hedrick asked about the status of the demolition of the old Rush/Shelby Building. Cowan stated they are working on securing the fiber hut prior to the demolition.

2018 APPOINTMENTS

Marvin Hedrick made the motion to reappoint all existing appointees for 2018. Charles Smith seconded. Motion carried.

2018 CALENDAR

Auditor Jodi Harr presented the proposed 2018 Calendar. Steve McCorkle recommended the council and commissioners have a joint meeting every quarter. Gerald Mohr stated he feels like the workshops have been helpful when needed this year. Commissioner Mark Bacon agrees that workshops and special meetings have worked. It was suggested to find out when the job classification study will be completed and schedule a 2019 budget workshop at that time. Staffing of the new jail will be critical when working the 2019 budgets. A maintenance person will need to be hired six to eight months prior to the jail completion. The April 11, 2018 council meeting will be scheduled as a joint commissioner/council meeting to talk about the sheriff and jail staffing needs. County Attorney Leigh Morning noted that she will not be available for the June and July meetings. Steve McCorkle made the motion to approve the calendar with the addition of the joint meeting on April 11, 2018. Scott Barnes seconded. Motion carried.

COUNTY EMS SERVICE

Commissioner Mark Bacon updated the council on the status of EMS services in the county. The commissioners are putting a task force together which will include a couple of people from out of the county. The purpose will be to help the commissioners determine where to save dollars and what the needs of the county are. The task force will make a recommendation to the commissioners by May 1, 2018 and the commissioners will make a decision at their May 14, 2018 meeting.

COUNTY PROJECTS

Steve McCorkle requested to set up a workshop with commissioners and council to discuss upcoming projects and the status of current projects. It was noted that it would be nice to have the results of the courthouse study project prior to continuing with future plans. The council requests the commissioners to attend a joint workshop immediately following the regular council meeting on December 13, 2017 to discuss current and future county projects and to hopefully come up with a top ten list of things to work on.

Charles Smith moved to adjourn. Steve McCorkle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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_____/Charles Smith/_____

Gerald Mohr, Chairman

Warren Norris

Charles Smith

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Steve McCorkle

ATTEST:

/Jodi Harr/
Jodi Harr, Auditor