

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Steve McCorkle, Charles Smith, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, Scott Barnes, Warren Norris, Jodi Harr, Auditor and County Attorney Leigh Morning.

Gerald Mohr called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the regular meeting of November 8, 2017 were approved on a motion by Charles Smith and seconded by Steve McCorkle. Motion carried.

E911

County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the council with an Interlocal Agreement By and Between City of Rushville, Indiana and County of Rush, Indiana. The agreement outlines the council appropriating \$65,868 from E911 funds from the county to the city for dispatch salaries. Rushville City Chief of Police Craig Tucker was present to answer any questions or concerns. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement. Steve McCorkle seconded. Motion carried.

COUNTY FARM DRAIN

Rush County Surveyor Marvin Rees was present to update the council on probable repairs that are going to be needed to the drain that runs through the county farm property. Tiles have popped up causing flooding. The county only budgets \$500 in the commissioner budget each year for expenses related to the drain. These repairs are estimated to cost between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

SURVEYOR

Marvin Rees notified the commissioners that he has hired a part time person in his office to replace the full time position that was eliminated for the 2018 budget year.

TREASURER

Rush County Treasurer Cindra Humphrey requested the council approve a transfer in her budget from travel to supplies in the amount of \$120. Charles Smith made the motion to approve the transfer. Marvin Hedrick seconded. Motion carried.

EXTENSION

Gracie Marlatt reported they have hired someone to fill the part time position in their office to replace the full time position that was eliminated for the 2018 budget year.

The pamphlet booklet showing the 100 years of extension services in Rush County is available for purchase in the extension office for \$20. Proceeds will benefit the local 4H council.

ASSESSOR

Rush County Assessor Mary Ann Bridges was unable to attend but did request the approval of two transfers. They are needed to be able to pay the increase in cost in the 2018 contract with Nexus for reassessment. Steve McCorkle made the motion to approve \$13,000 be transferred from extra help in the reassessment fund 1188 to the contractual account in the reassessment fund 1188. Marvin Hedrick seconded. Motion carried. Charles Smith made the motion to approve the \$455 transfer in the county general fund 1000 assessor budget supply account to the repairs & maintenance account. Warren Norris seconded. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE

Carole Yeend, Director of the Solid Waste District, reported the EMA equipment being stored at the old White Felt Facility is taking up much more space than she thought. In exchange for manpower provided by the City of Rushville, she allows them to use half of the building for storage. She reminded them this is only a temporary option. There is an adjacent 2.6 acre tract of land adjacent to this building that the solid waste district or county should consider buying. Scott Barnes asked if some of the jail bond money could be used for this since some of the jail/sheriff equipment is being stored there.

AUDITOR

Rush County Auditor Jodi Harr requested permission to transfer within her budget for the end of year supplies and travel expenses. Warren Norris made the motion to approve the transfer request of \$309 from Part time to travel in the auditor county general budget. Steve McCorkle seconded. Motion carried. Steve McCorkle made the motion to approve the transfer request of \$200 from Part time to supplies in the auditor county general budget. Warren Norris seconded. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Chief Deputy Dave Sliger was present to answer any questions regarding two transfers requested to cover part time salaries for the remainder of 2017 in the county general jail budget. The additional \$75,000 from the Riverboat fund has been expended. The request is to transfer \$3,000 from Contract Service to Part time in the county general jail budget and another \$6,500 from the medical line to Part time in the county general jail budget. Charles Smith commented the council had said the additional \$75,000 was all they were going to allow for the remaining of the year. Marvin Hedrick believed the council to say there would not be any additional appropriations for remainder of the year. This is a transfer request not an additional appropriation request. Steve McCorkle made the motion to approve the \$3,000 transfer from contract service to part time. Gerald Mohr seconded. Marvin Hedrick abstained due to conflict of interest. After further discussion, Steve McCorkle and Gerald Mohr voted yes. Scott Barnes, Janet Kile, Charles Smith and Warren Norris voted nay. Scott Barnes commented he remembers it being said the \$75,000 was all. He feels this is a management issue. Steve McCorkle reminded the council of the high inmate count requiring additional staffing. Warren Norris asked Sliger to update them on the contract position that was made a full time correction officer position. Sliger reported that Madonna did not want to be full time so they moved a part

time person to full time and Madonna is part time. Duties have been reassigned between the new full time position and the part time position. The only difference is the cost of the benefits. Sliger also noted that as the inmate population has increased, the need for more part time and overtime has increased. When the inmate population decreases, the need for part time and overtime will decrease. Janet Kile asked if they are using part time whenever possible instead of paying overtime. Sliger responded yes. Steve McCorkle commented regarding the high risk of safety and liability due to the high inmate count. Charles Smith noted there are part time hours that have been worked that need to be paid. He believes the issue is how management is doing the scheduling. Smith and Barnes have both received calls regarding the number of staff on duty. Steve McCorkle made the second motion to approve the \$6,500 transfer from medical to part time. Warren Norris seconded. Marvin Hedrick abstained. Steve McCorkle, Warren Norris, Charles Smith, Janet Kile and Gerald Mohr voted Aye. Scott Barnes voted nay. Motion carried. McCorkle asked the auditor to find how much has been spent in Part Time over the last four years at the jail. She will get that to them prior to their next meeting.

Auditor Harr informed the council of an error in the calculation of the hourly rate and overtime rate for Sheriff Deputies. She is in the process of correcting payroll for the last two years for the deputies. It is estimated that an additional \$7,500 may be needed to correct this.

County Attorney Leigh Morning is waiting to receive information from the Sheriff regarding the DROP program amendment to the sheriff retirement fund.

SALARY ORDINANCE

Two changes were requested to the 2018 Salary Ordinance:

- The hourly rate for Sheriff Deputies were corrected beginning 1-1-18.
- Salary increase for Community Correction Director Ashley Stevens. She has taken on more responsibility with the probation department and her board wishes to keep her pay in line with other counties in order to retain her employment with Rush County.

Charles Smith made the motion to approve both requested changes. Warren Norris seconded. Motion carried.

MISC.

- Workshop with the County Commissioners immediately following this meeting.
- 1782 Budget Notice has not been received yet.
- The auditor was given permission to do end of the year transfers and report them to the council at their January, 2018 meeting for approval.

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

/Gerald Mohr/

Gerald Mohr, Chairman

/Warren Norris/

Warren Norris

/Charles Smith/

Charles Smith

/Janet Kile/

Janet Kile

/Marvin Hedrick/

Marvin Hedrick

/absent/

Scott Barnes

/Steve McCorkle/

Steve McCorkle

ATTEST:

/Jodi Harr/

Jodi Harr, Auditor