

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Steve McCorkle, Charles Smith, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, Warren Norris, Jodi Harr, Auditor and County Attorney Leigh Morning. Scott Barnes was absent.

Gerald Mohr called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 2017 were approved on a motion by Warren Norris and seconded by Charles Smith. Motion carried.

The first order of business was to re-organize the council for 2018. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to retain Gerald Mohr as chairman and Janet Kile as vice chairman. Steve McCorkle seconded. Motion carried.

SALARY ORDINANCE

Auditor Jodi Harr requested an update to the 2018 salary ordinance. Funds have been received from the state to close out the Public Health Preparedness 2016/2017 grant cycle. We can now pay Marge Amos for the 2017/2018 grant cycle. Charles Smith made the motion to approve the addition of the Grant Coordinator for the PHER Grant to the salary ordinance in the amount of \$2,879.50. Steve McCorkle seconded. Motion carried.

TRANSFERS

The following end of year transfers were presented:

- Coroner \$150.00 from 30000 Postage to 20011 Misc. Supplies. Steve McCorkle made the motion to approve. Warren Norris seconded. Motion carried.
- Soil & Water \$15.25 from 10147 Cons/Educator to 30045 Mileage. Janet Kile made the motion to approve. Charles Smith seconded. Motion carried.
- Auditor \$4,140.30 from 10018 part time to 30013 contract service. Steve McCorkle made the motion to approve. Charles Smith made the motion to second. Motion carried.
- Sheriff \$4,000 from 30008 contracts to 10019 overtime. Warren Norris made the motion to approve. Steve McCorkle seconded. Motion carried.
- Sheriff \$125.78 from 20017 leather to 10019 overtime. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve. Charles Smith seconded. Motion carried.

SHERIFF RETIREMENT

Sheriff Jim Cowan presented the First Amendment to Rush County Police Retirement Plan for approval by the council. It makes changes to the DROP program effective January 1, 2018. It does not affect anyone on our sheriff department at this time. Steve McCorkle made the motion to accept the change. Charles Smith seconded. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Cowan presented a preliminary annual statistics report for the sheriff and jail departments. There are currently 55 inmates housed at the jail. Councilman Hedrick asked that others contact the state legislators to ask why the state is not helping counties to fund expenses for inmates left at the county level due to the state closing four facilities. Cowan noted that on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 9 a.m. local state representatives will be at the REMC building in Greensburg to discuss and answer question regarding current proposed legislation.

MISC.

- Councilman Mohr updated the council on the previous commissioner meeting. He gave an update on the EMS project, new jail project, job descriptions were approved.
- Councilman McCorkle reminded all of the joint meeting scheduled with the commissioners on January 22 immediately following the commissioner meeting to continue discussion on goals/objectives.
- Councilman McCorkle also asked for opinions and options to help volunteer services collect for the use of Narcan. They are currently not being reimbursed because patients generally sign a release of treatment and are not transported. It was determined that the volunteer units would need to work with their governing boards to address this.

Steve McCorkle moved to adjourn. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

<u>/Gerald Mohr/</u>	<u>/Warren Norris/</u>	<u>/Charles Smith/</u>
Gerald Mohr, Chairman	Warren Norris	Charles Smith

<u>/Absent/</u>	<u>/Marvin Hedrick/</u>	<u>/Scott Barnes/</u>
Janet Kile	Marvin Hedrick	Scott Barnes

/Steve McCorkle/
Steve McCorkle
ATTEST:

/Jodi Harr/
Jodi Harr, Auditor