

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. with County Council Members Gerald Mohr, Charles Smith, Scott Barnes, Marvin Hedrick, Janet Kile, Warren Norris, and Jodi Harr, Auditor. Councilman Steve McCorkle and County Attorney Leigh Morning were both absent.

Council Chairman Gerald Mohr called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. The delay was due to an extended joint workshop held between the county commissioners and county council.

Minutes of the regular council meeting of May 9, 2018 were approved on a motion by Charles Smith and seconded by Marvin Hedrick. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting with the County Commissioners on June 5, 2018 were approved on a motion by Janet Kile and seconded by Scott Barnes. Motion carried.

COUNTY EMS SERVICES

Marvin Hedrick made a motion to make a recommendation to the County Commissioners to extend the addendum to the current EMS contracts for all current providers for sixty (60) days from July 15, 2018 and to form a committee with one representative each from Raleigh Fire Department, Anderson Township Volunteer Fire Department, Rush Memorial Hospital, One Commissioner and One Council member. The committee is to meet and make a recommendation to the council and commissioners for a five year contract for EMS services. The committee is to meet as soon as possible after the June 25, 2018 Commissioner meeting. Scott Barnes seconded. Discussion was held.

Brad Smith with Rush Memorial Hospital recommended using the consultant at Fitch and Associates to facilitate the committee. Commissioner Paul Wilkinson commented there will be a cost for their service. Smith replied the hospital will pay for it. He believes we need a neutral third party involved.

EMA Director Chuck Kemker ask if they were going to include Rushville City since the Commissioners have accepted a proposal from them. Barnes commented we currently fund Raleigh, Anderson and RMH so Rushville City does not need to be involved.

Marvin Hedrick amended the original motion to read as follows:

The Rush County Council's recommendation to the Rush County Commissioners is to extend the EMS addendum to the 2017 contracts for all agencies for an additional sixty (60) days from July 15, 2018 through September 12, 2018. They also recommend a committee consisting of one member from the Raleigh Volunteer Fire Department, Anderson Township Volunteer Fire Department, Rush Memorial Hospital, Rushville City Fire Department, One Commissioner, One Council member, and Thomas Moore with Fitch and Associates to meet and make a recommendation to the Rush County Commissioners and the Rush County Council for a five year contract for EMS services in Rush County. It is requested the committee meet as soon as possible after the June 25, 2018 Commissioner meeting.

Scott Barnes seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The council appointment to the committee is Marvin Hedrick with Janet Kile as the alternate to the committee.

SURVEYOR CORNERSTONE

Rush County Surveyor Marvin Rees requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,000.00 in Fund 1202 Surveyor Cornerstone. The purpose of the additional funds is to re-establish corner stones that are not in roadways. Charles Smith made the motion to approve. Warren Norris seconded. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

Carole Yeend, Director of the Solid Waste District, requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$21,000.00 in order to do building maintenance to the White Felt Building. Warren Norris made the motion to approve the additional appropriation. Marvin Hedrick seconded. Motion carried.

SALARY ORDINANCE

Ashley Stevens was present to answer any questions the council had regarding the requested salary ordinance changes presented last month and continued until today. The change was in the Community Supervision Manager salary. Her annual pay increase was due April 25, 2018. Janet Kile made the motion to approve 2018 Salary Ordinance 2017-7 to amend the increase in the Community Supervision Manager Salary pay to \$45,266.00 effective April 25, 2018 and to increase the Deputy Director salary to \$46,722.00 effective on July 8, 2018 which is the date of his annual increase. Charles Smith seconded. Motion carried.

The salary ordinance was again requested to be amended to reflect the Community Correction Grant and Community Correction User Fee Funds to show their salaries for the fiscal grant year of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. It also includes the addition of the Human Resource Director position with the salary to be determined. Charles Smith made the motion to approve. Scott Barnes seconded. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CORRECTION GRANT

Ashley Stevens asked approval of additional appropriations for Community Corrections Grant, Community Corrections User Fee Fund and the Prosecutor Deferral Grant which is part of the Community Corrections Grant. She explained how salaries are determined by the local Community Corrections Board and the probation scale set by the State of Indiana.

Warren Norris made the motion to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$240,340.00 in the Community Corrections User Fee fund 2505. Janet Kile seconded. Motion carried.

Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$255,564.00 in the Community Corrections Grant Fund 9104. Scott Barnes seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Smith made the motion to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$22,625.00 in the Prosecutor Deferral Grant Fund 9110. Warren Norris seconded. Motion carried.

EXTENSION OFFICE

Gracie Marlatt reported the Extension Office will be moving to the fairgrounds on Friday, June 15 and will return to the courthouse on July 3. They have hired a new part time administrative assistant.

PROSECUTOR

Auditor Jodi Harr requested a reduction to appropriation in line number 1000.40052.000.0068 designated for council use only in the commissioners budget in the amount of \$6,000 and additional appropriation to the county general prosecutor budget line number 1000.30057.000.0009 witness fees. The prosecutor was court ordered to have mental health evaluations done on several witnesses and did not have the funds budgeted.

Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve the appropriation reduction to 1000.40052.000.0068 in the amount of \$6,000.00. Charles Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Warren Norris made the motion to approve the additional appropriation requested in the amount of \$6,000.00 to prosecutor budget line number 1000.30057.000.0009. Janet Kile seconded. Motion carried.

RUSH COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Rush County Redevelopment Commission met on May 29, 2018 and made the determination there will be no excess assessed value for the Tax Allocation Areas in the Milroy Industrial Corridor Redevelopment Area for 2018 taxes payable in 2019.

ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN FOR ALL THREE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BEING PRESENT. PAUL WILKINSON, MARK BACON AND BRUCE LEVI WERE ALL PRESENT.

COURTHOUSE ROOF

Scott Barnes asked the commissioners what the description of the proposal for roof repairs is. Commissioner Wilkinson responded they will bring a bucket truck to make repairs to a one hundred twenty five square foot section which is leaking. They will remove tiles from other sections to see if they are also in need of repair or tile replacement. The proposal is for the repairs to not exceed \$8,570. Marvin Hedrick asked that Scott Barnes be notified when the contractor is going to be here. If the decking has to be replaced, there will be an additional cost. The repairs will be paid from funds already appropriated in the Cum Cap Development fund.

HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR

Scott Barnes made the motion to approve the Human Resource Director job description and employment ad. Janet Kile seconded. Motion carried.

SHERIFF/JAIL

Chief Deputy David Sliger gave a brief department update. There are currently sixty inmates housed at the jail. The Indiana Department of Corrections recently did the annual jail inspection. The county has failed in the same areas as in the past. The jail staff was commended for keeping the inmates fed, safe and the facility clean. Scott Barnes asked if all of the violations are covered with the new jail. Sliger responded the physical needs are met; however, the staffing needs are not unless of course state legislation changes.

ECDC

Banes noted the ECDC team will be doing a walk-through of the Bowen Carter building project Friday, June 15.

JAIL CONSTRUCTION

It is estimated the construction is only ten to twelve days behind schedule but it is believed this time will easily be made up. Move in is set for as early as October 2019 or it could possibly by January, 2020. Discussion was held on the recent change orders for the upgrade to the doors and locks. This could save dollars later on staffing. Commissioner Levi commented that John Painter with CCI is on site around 6:30 a.m. or 7:00 a.m. every morning if anyone would like to stop and talk with him.

DRAINAGE ISSUE

Warren Norris reported the City of Rushville wants the county to look at the ground and possible drainage issues at the Cherry Street project site. Commissioner Wilkinson and Norris have told the City we will look at but it will have to be done by a grant. Grants will be through OCRA and the Department of Ag. Chuck Kemker and Marvin Rees are looking at possible grants. If the work is paid for with a loan, it has to be paid through assessments to land owners not through county funds. It has been determined there is approximately five hundred acres of farmland draining into Hodges Branch.

Charles Smith moved to adjourn the county council meeting. Scott Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried

/Gerald Mohr/
Gerald Mohr, Chairman

/Warren Norris/
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/Charles Smith/
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/Janet Kile/
Janet Kile

/absent/
Marvin Hedrick

/absent/
Scott Barnes

/absent 6/13/18/
Steve McCorkle

ATTEST:

/Jodi Harr/
Jodi Harr, Auditor

