

REGULAR MEETING

RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL

JANUARY 9, 2019

The Rush County Council met for the regular Rush County Council meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. with County Council Members Charles Smith, Warren Norris, Marvin Hedrick, Scott Barnes, Janet Kile, Steve McCorkle and Ralph Adams, Jodi Harr, Auditor and County Attorney Leigh Morning in attendance.

Council Vice-Chairwoman Janet Kile called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The first order of business was to reorganize the board. Marvin Hedrick nominated Charles Smith to serve as the Council Chairman. Smith accepted. Steve McCorkle seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried. Steve McCorkle nominated Scott Barnes for Council Vice-Chairman. Barnes accepted. Ralph Adams seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes of the December 12, 2018 regular meeting were approved with a motion from Warren Norris and seconded by Steve McCorkle. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes of the November 20, 2018 special meeting were approved with a motion from Steve McCorkle and seconded by Warren Norris. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SURVEYOR

Rush County Surveyor Marvin Rees was present to request approval for a possible loan for the James S.E. Hilligoss Drain. The hope of the Drainage Board is that the landowners along this drain will make prepayments on the reconstruction and there will not be a need for the loan. The estimate is \$329.00 per acre with approximately 529 acres being involved. Warren Norris made the motion to allow the loan if necessary. Scott Barnes seconded. Motion carried.

HEALTH

Julia Apple was present to ask permission to hire a temporary part time nurse to help while one nurse is on sick leave. There are funds available in the Home Health Aide line of the Health Department budget. They request that she be paid \$18.00 per hour for approximately eight weeks at two days each week. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to allow the temporary part time nurse to be paid at \$18.00 per hour. Janet Kile seconded. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN. COMMISSIONER'S BACON AND WILKINSON WERE PRESENT. COMMISSIONER LEVI WAS ABSENT.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Allan Rice introduced some of the department's new employees. Correction Officer Arlen Henderson, Sex Offender Registry Roxanne Hatfield, and Jonna McIntire Johnson is the new Jail Secretary. Two new merit deputies have also been hired. They are receiving their ride along training. This makes them three road deputies short on the road at this time. Joe Jarman

will be working as the part time Courthouse Security Officer. Terry Drake has been named the Sheriff Chief Deputy. Doug Keith is a Sergeant. Effective January 26, 2019 Chris Plough will become the Jail Commander. Richard Gosser will be the Lieutenant Jail Correction Officer and Mari Proffitt will be the Sergeant Jail Correction Officer.

Rice gave the department statistical updates and thanked the Auditor for her help over the last couple of weeks. He also reported that he will be keeping his K9 and her responsibilities. He has used her twice already in 2019.

The Pension Board will be meeting to discuss the change in who will be administering the retirement fund.

They are reorganizing shift times for deputies. The goal is to have double coverage during the night hours. It will be toward the end of 2019 before the change takes place.

County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Sheriff's Salary Contract for approval of the council. Scott Barnes made the motion to approve the contract. Steve McCorkle seconded. Motion carried.

MERIT BOARD

Sheriff Rice reported that David Schultz has requested to resign from the Merit Board. They are looking for his replacement.

2018 APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

Auditor Jodi Harr presented three transfers that needed to be done after the council meeting in December 2018.

- Fund 1170 LIT County Share \$25,833.00 from account number 30083 Medical to account number 40012 Vehicle. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve the transfer. Warren Norris seconded. Motion carried.
- Fund 1170 LIT County Share \$3,715.53 from account number 30024 Vehicle Maintenance to account number 40001 Light Equipment. Warren Norris made the motion to approve. Janet Kile seconded. Motion carried.
- Fund 1000 County General \$594.18 Extension Office account number 10147 cons/education to account number 30045 mileage. Warren Norris made the motion to approve the transfer. Ralph Adams seconded. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested permission to advertise for an additional appropriation in Fund number 1169 Local Road and Street account number 40021 in the amount of \$195,113.00. Auditor Harr inadvertently left this line out of the 2019 Budget preparations so it did not get advertised. Steve McCorkle made the motion to approve the advertising of the additional appropriation. Scott Barnes seconded. Motion carried.

Due to changes in State of Indiana legislation, the county is required to create a new fund entitled 1173 Motor Vehicle Restricted fund. The county is also required to receipt one half of the money received for the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund into the new fund 1173 MVH Restricted Fund. To date, \$76,925.00 needs to be transferred from Fund 1176 to 1173.

Ordinance number 2019-1 was presented for the approval of the county council. It establishes the new fund and approves the automatic transfer of \$76,925.00 to fund 1173. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve Ordinance 2019-1. Steve McCorkle seconded. Motion carried.

Steve McCorkle made the motion to advertise for an appropriation reduction in fund 1176 in the amount of \$1,150,000.00. Ralph Adams seconded. Motion carried.

Warren Norris made the motion to advertise for an additional appropriation in fund 1173 in the amount of \$1,550,000.00. Steve McCorkle seconded. Motion carried.

SALARY ORDINANCE 2019

Auditor Jodi Harr requested permission to approve the Amended Ordinance 2018-4 2019 Salary Ordinance. Following are the changes:

- Sheriff Department – Deputy Morgan and Deputy Schultz salaries
- County Assessor – Correct her pay that was approved but entered into the salary ordinance incorrectly.
- Jail Commander and Jail Lt. Officer changes effective 1-26-19
- Area Plan – Correct the pay for the director which was approved but entered incorrectly into the salary ordinance.

Janet Kile made the motion to approve the changes. Marvin Hedrick seconded. Motion carried.

EXTENSION

Two appropriation transfers were requested.

- Fund 1000 County General Extension Department account number 30013 contract service to 10031 Part Time Educator in the amount of \$26,890.00. Steve McCorkle made the motion to approve the transfer. Warren Norris seconded. Motion carried.
- Fund 1000 County General Extension Department account number 30013 contract service to 30045 mileage in the amount of \$3,374.00. Steve McCorkle made the motion to approve the transfer. Warren Norris seconded. Motion carried.

These transfers are a result of believing the Cons/Educator could be a contract position. After further guidance from the State Board of Accounts, this position is actually considered an employee.

CENTERSTONE MENTAL HEALTH

The 2018 Annual Report for Centerstone Mental Health was received via mail and distributed to the county council. They each reviewed the document.

DIGITAL AGE

Carole Yeend invited all to attend an open workshop for Digital Communications in Rush County. Dr. Roberto Gallardo from Purdue University will be the speaker. The workshop will be held on January 22, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the discussion is to start communications of how to be more digital in Rush County. The goal is to put together a group of people to look at possibilities of grants and growth in our area. Watch Communications has been at a commissioner's workshop to discuss grant opportunities available for broad band communications.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mark Bacon reported he has been selected as the Commissioner Chairman for 2019. He welcomed all to attend the commissioner meetings held every other Monday. He also invited the council to attend the biweekly jail progress meetings held every other Thursday. Marvin Hedrick requested that Mark ask John Painter to come to the next council meeting to update them on the progress of the construction project. He has some questions.

APPOINTMENTS

Marvin Hedrick made the motion to replace Janet Kile on the APC Board with Ralph Adams and for Janet Kile to replace Marvin Hedrick on the Personnel Committee. Scott Barnes seconded. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

After discussion, Janet Kile made the motion to allow funding of the full time payroll/financial deputy in the Auditor's office. Warren Norris seconded. Motion carried.

Scott Barnes believes the council needs to have an executive session to discuss personnel and look at what positions are needed. Charles Smith suggested this should be the responsibility of the Personnel Committee. It was agreed that the Personnel Committee discuss this issue.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Rush County Community Foundation would like to host a breakfast prior to the February 13, 2019 County Council meeting. They would like to do a presentation on the GIFT VII program and the foundation goals, needs and plan for the year ahead. They requested the attendance of the county council, county commissioners and key county officials.

AGENDA

Scott Barnes asked if the council can start using an agenda for their meetings. It would need to be posted forty eight hours prior to their meeting and they would be required to stick to the agenda once it was published. Per County Attorney Leigh Morning, you can have a line on the agenda for other business. Barnes feels this would help citizens know the business to be discussed at their meetings. Council members agreed to think about this and discuss it at the next meeting.

Scott Barnes moved to adjourn the county council meeting. Marvin Hedrick seconded the motion. Motion carried

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Charles Smith, Chairman

_/Warren Norris/_____
Warren Norris

_/Ralph Adams/_____
Ralph Adams

_/Janet Kile/_____
Janet Kile

_/Absent/_____
Marvin Hedrick

_/Scott Barnes/_____
Scott Barnes

_/Steve McCorkle/_____
Steve McCorkle

ATTEST:

_/Jodi Harr/_____
Jodi Harr, Auditor