

REGULAR MEETING

RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL

APRIL 10, 2019

The Rush County Council met for the regular Rush County Council meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. with County Council Members Charles Smith, Warren Norris, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, Steve McCorkle and Ralph Adams, Jodi Harr, Auditor and County Attorney Leigh Morning in attendance. Councilman Scott Barnes arrived at 9:07 a.m.

Chairman Charles Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Minutes of the March 15, 2019 were presented for approval. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Warren Norris seconded. Councilman Barnes was not yet in attendance. Motion carried.

CIRCUIT COURT

An additional appropriation in the amount of \$20,000.00 in fund 2504 Jury Fee Fund was presented for approval. Janet Kile made the motion to approve. Steve McCorkle seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Barnes arrived.

EMA

Chuck Kemker on behalf of the County Fire Chief Association presented a contract with eDispatch in the amount of \$4,015.00. This will enable first responders to get emergency call information on their cell phones if they choose to. This will save time for dispatchers and first responders. The text information will show the location and times of the emergency call. The contract will cover up to 250 recipient phone numbers. Sheriff Rice is on board with this system. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve the contract to be paid from E911 funds. Warren Norris seconded. Motion carried.

HEALTH

Julia Apple presented the 2018 Annual Rush County Health Department Report. In 2018 there were eight septic's installed. She currently has thirty one applications pending. She updated the council on the Installer Class recently held by the Health Department.

LCC has awarded the Health Department a grant to support a VAPE Away Day. This will encourage people to trade their vape pens for gift cards.

HR

HR Director Tony Personett reported he is working with Prosecutor Phil Caviness on transitioning the Prosecutor Investigator from a contract to a county employee. According to the Department of Labor regulations, this position should be an employee because we pay the

bond, we provide the work space and she does not have a personal business doing this type of work. He has consulted with Waggoner, Erwin and Scheele and determined this position can be classified as a part time exempt. The additional cost to the county will be the employer income tax.

He reported that county employees Debbie Richardson, Linda Ging and Randy Meek have been appointed to the Personnel Committee as advisory members.

PARKING

Marvin Hedrick requested a notice be sent to county employees requesting they park somewhere other than around the courthouse. With absentee voting and property tax collections taking place at this time, he would like for parking to be available for those who need to come in and conduct business.

NEW JAIL

Marvin Hedrick commented that Sheriff Allan Rice has been in contact with the Perry County Sheriff regarding the 2020 jail budget. He would like to make a trip to Perry County with anyone who is interested. Rice would like for the council to appoint three council members to meet with him to work on the 2020 budget. Scott Barnes, Marvin Hedrick and Charles Smith will meet with him.

DRAINAGE STUDY

Warren Norris reported that the City of Rushville has ask the County Drainage Board to apply for a grant to do a drainage study. The city and county will split the twenty five percent match for the grant. It will be for Hodges Branch and flooding issues in the northern part of Rushville City. The study will look at what we can do to correct the flooding issues. A Letter of Intent is due by the end of April. The grant will be released in October with grants awarded in January 2020. The estimated county cost will be \$25,000. This amount should be set aside at budget time.

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

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Charles Smith, Chairman

Warren Norris

Ralph Adams

___/Janet Kile/_____

___/Marvin Hedrick/_____

___/Scott Barnes/_____

Janet Kile

Marvin Hedrick

Scott Barnes

/Steve McCorkle/
Steve McCorkle

ATTEST:

/Jodi Harr/
Jodi Harr, Auditor