

## **REGULAR MEETING**

## **RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MAY 8, 2019**

The Rush County Council met for the regular Rush County Council meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. with County Council Members Charles Smith, Warren Norris, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, Steve McCorkle, Scott Barnes and Ralph Adams, Jodi Harr, Auditor and County Attorney Leigh Morning in attendance.

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

### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the April 10, 2019 were presented for approval. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Scott Barnes seconded. Motion carried.

### **RUSH COUNTY YOUTH CAMP**

Chip West was present to discuss the Rush County Youth Work Camp. It will take place in July. Youth from across the country will be in Rush County to work on approximately fifty four homes. West asked the council to waive any fees the county would charge for permits to be issued through the Rush County Area Plan Commission. APC Director Gregg Duke does not have a problem with this but would like them to check with his office to make sure all zoning requirements are met. West was reminded that he would need to check with Rushville City regarding any properties located within the city limits. Scott Barnes made the motion to waive any permit fees related to homes being worked on during the Youth Work Camp. Warren Norris seconded. Motion carried.

### **HEALT DEPARTMENT**

Julia Apple presented the April 2019 Health Department update. She reported May 24, 2019 will be Vape Away Day at the high school.

### **HR**

Tony Personett requested permission to hire the replacement for the vacant deputy prosecutor position. Councilman Hedrick stated the questions he asked at the last meeting were only to make sure there were still funds available for this position. Steve McCorkle made the motion to hire a replacement for the vacant deputy prosecutor position. Marvin Hedrick seconded. Motion carried.

### **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Auditor Jodi Harr requested permission to advertise the additional appropriation for the extension to the Community Corrections grant. The Community Corrections Board will be meeting in May to approve the budget. Steve McCorkle made the motion to advertise the additional appropriation. Scott Barnes seconded. Motion carried.

### **BROADBAND**

Mark McCorkhill and Carole Yeend have been working on an effort to expand broadband services throughout all of Rush County. Watch Communications is currently working on a grant to help cover the cost. Councilman Steve McCorkhill asked if the council would like for Mark to come to their next meeting to update them on the project. All were in agreeance for him to come to the June meeting.

### **ECDC**

Councilman Scott Barnes made sure those in attendance were aware of the announcement that CORMO will be going into the North Industrial Park. This is to result in 250 good paying jobs to be created.

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Allan Rice gave the sheriff/jail/E911 department updates.

He requested a new full time flex position be added to his department. This employee would cover time off for correction officers and dispatchers. He would like the position to be effective July 1, 2019. He has enough money in his 2019 budget to cover the salary but will need the commissioners to cover the benefits. Hedrick asked what the salary will be. It would be the salary of a full time corrections officer. Hedrick stated that once the new jail is operational, the county will have the extra jail bond money but he believes the county finances are too tight right now. Rice said he has part time corrections officers but does not have any part time dispatchers. He has made schedule changes to help with as much coverage as possible. Hedrick would like to consider it a little longer. This has been a problem for several years. McCorkhill is in favor of the position if we can afford it this year but definitely in 2020. Rice was reminded the new job description form needs to be completed and approved by the commissioners. Financing would need to be approved by the council. Hedrick would like this continued to the next council meeting in order to look at the cost of benefits. Councilman Warren Norris asked for clarification if this is one of the new positions for the new jail or is this in addition to the new positions to the new jail. This request is in addition to the new staff for the jail. Councilman Charles Smith asked if the jail is completed in March, at what time can the county tap into the extra money. Discussion was held on what is considered the completion date. Occupancy? Old jail torn down?

Councilman Barnes left the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Councilwoman Janet Kile made the motion to table this until the Regular June Council meeting. Councilman Ralph Adams seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Hedrick reported he has been looking at the Perry County financing reports. They are using commissary money for some of their operations. He would like to see our commissary financial reports on a more regular basis. Sheriff Rice reported he is working on a contract with a vendor who has software to track the commissary funds.

### **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DATES AND TIMES**

Discussion was held on when the council should hold their meetings. It was determined that no changes would be made. They will continue to meet the second Wednesday of every month at 9:00 a.m.

Marvin Hedrick moved to adjourn the county council meeting. Ralph Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried

\_/Charles Smith/  
Charles Smith, Chairman

\_/Warren Norris/  
Warren Norris

\_/Ralph Adams/  
Ralph Adams

\_/Janet Kile/  
Janet Kile

\_/Marvin Hedrick/  
Marvin Hedrick

\_/Scott Barnes/  
Scott Barnes

\_/Steve McCorkle/  
Steve McCorkle

ATTEST:

\_/Jodi Harr/  
Jodi Harr, Auditor