

REGULAR MEETING**RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL****JULY 10, 2019**

The Rush County Council met for the regular Rush County Council meeting on Wednesday, July 10, 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 June 12, 2019 were presented for approval. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Janet Kile seconded. Motion carried.

SALARY ORDINANCE

Prosecutor Phil Caviness requested an amendment to the salary ordinance 2018-4 for the deputy prosecutor that is paid by grant funds. Her pay will be \$2,294.23 per pay in Fund 8118 STOP Grant and \$338.46 per pay in Fund 9110 Prosecutor Deferral Fund. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve. Janet Kile seconded. Motion carried.

Sheriff Allan Rice requested three changes to salary ordinance 2018-4. Deputy Doug Keith will no longer be a sergeant effective July 1, 2019. Deputies Daniel Meyer and Clayton Ratliff were promoted to sergeant effective July 1, 2019. Ralph Adams made the motion to approve the changes in pay. Marvin Hedrick seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

David Malson, Chairman of the Public Defender Board, was present to request an additional appropriation to County General – Pauper Attorney 1000. 30092.000.0271 in the amount of \$50,000.00. The Public Defender case load has increased. With two new prosecutors, there are more pleadings. Due to new bond procedures, the supplemental fund will not have any additional receipts. Services for misdemeanor charges are not eligible for state reimbursement. Public Defender Bryan Barrett and Judge David Northam provided additional information as to why the funds are needed. Scott Barnes made the motion for permission to advertise the additional appropriation to be considered at the August 21 county council meeting. Marvin Hedrick seconded. Motion carried.

CIRCUIT COURT

Judge David Northam requested a meeting with a county council member and a county commissioner on a monthly basis to keep everyone updated on what is happening on the third floor.

COMMISSIONER ROLE CALL WAS TAKEN. MARK BACON AND PAUL WILKINSON WERE PRESENT. BRUCE LEVI WAS ABSENT.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Julia Apple provided an update on the health department. She requested an additional appropriation for the new PHEP grant fund 8105 in the amount of \$25,000.00. Warren Norris made the motion to approve. Steve McCorkle seconded. Motion carried.

Marge Amos has put in her notice to retire effective August 9, 2019. Apple requested permission to advertise for her replacement. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve the request. Ralph Adams seconded. Motion carried.

EXTENSION OFFICE

Gracie Marlatt presented a new Community & Family Resources in Rush County Booklet. It was prepared and updated by the Rush County Parenting Council.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Community Corrections requested the following transfers in the Community Corrections User Fee Fund:

- \$932.00 from 2505.30193.000.0000 Equipment Leasing to 2505.10133.000.0000 Director Salary
- \$414.00 from 2505.30193.000.0000 Equipment Leasing to 2505.10160.000.0000 Field Officer Salary
- \$341.30 from 2505.30193.000.0000 Equipment Leasing to 2505.10201.000.0000 Health Insurance.

These are transfers to balance their budget at the end of their grant cycle. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve all three transfers. Ralph Adams seconded. Motion carried.

PROBLEM SOLVING GRANT

Superior Court applied for and was awarded a new Problem Solving Grant in the amount of \$9,156.00. Scott Barnes made the motion to approve the additional appropriation for expenditure of the grant funds. Warren Norris seconded. Motion carried.

PROSECUTOR

The Prosecutor requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$15,720.35 in Fund 9110 Prosecutor Deferral Grant. This is for the grant extension period of July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. Ralph Adams made the motion to approve the additional appropriation. Scott Barnes seconded. Motion carried.

An additional appropriation in the amount of \$73,333.34 in Fund 8118 CFDA 16.599 STOP Grant. This is for the grant year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve the additional appropriation. Scott Barnes seconded. Motion carried.

MILROY TIF

Auditor Jodi Harr requested a transfer in Fund 4501 TIF-Milroy Industrial Corridor in the amount of \$152.2 from account 30186 professional services to 58002 transfer to EDIT fund to pay back the loan. Steve McCorkle made the motion to approve the transfer. Scott Barnes seconded. Motion carried.

CORMO USA BOND ISSUE

The City of Rushville needs to re-establish its statutory Economic Development Commission in order to do some of the financing for the incentives for the Cormo project. The county Council may nominate someone to this board for consideration by the Mayor of Rushville. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to nominate Scott Barnes. Janet Kile seconded. Motion carried.

BROADBAND

Carole Yeend reported there will be a meeting to discuss the broadband survey results on July 11, 2019. She would like to see council members present at this meeting to hear the results. She believes we need to give this project high support as we do other economic development projects.

COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE

Commissioner Chairman Mark Bacon presented a list of projects the Commissioners are working on.

- The latest estimate on the roof is \$2.5 million. It is possible to do it in stages.
- The ADA ramp on the west side of the courthouse needs replaced. It is too steep to meet the regulations. The current quote is \$75,000. They are looking at a second option to move the handicap doors and ramp to the east side of the courthouse. They would also repair the tile and sidewalk.
- Record storage at a cost of \$50,000
- They are also considering a five and ten year maintenance plan for all county owned buildings.

The financial needs to cover these projects will need to be addressed by the county council. County Attorney Leigh Morning advised they will need an engineer or architect for the roof. Auditor Jodi Harr recommended they seek assistance from a financial advisor who is familiar with county government financing to look at income and property tax to see if rates can be realigned to bring in more income. The council requested Harr set up a meeting with Umbaugh to bring information on what they can provide us.

JOINT E911 CENTER

Commissioner Bacon also reported that an exploratory committee has been established to look at the possibility of combining the county and city E911 dispatch centers.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Allan Rice gave his department update. Clay Ratliff and Daniel Meyer have been promoted to Sergeants. He hopes to have the 800 MHz radios updated by the end of this year. The E911 Spilman upgrade cannot be paid for completely from E911 funds. He is working with Ron Jarman to see if some of it can be paid from the technology budget in the new jail construction budget. Gordon Food Services will start preparing inmate meals beginning in September. The cost is \$1.00 per meal rather than the current \$1.92. They will provide full meal services once they are moved to the new jail. Stellar commissary services are scheduled to be installed next week. Rice also reported that he is receiving \$37.50 per inmate per day for inmates Rush County is housing for other counties. He can send them back to their county should our inmate count rise.

HR

HR Director Tony Personett reported receiving a complaint from a group of employees who feel like they were cheated out of one year of longevity pay that was paid in June 2019. The amount paid for ALL employees was based on their full time years of service as of June 30, 2018. The amount was calculated and approved in the 2019 budget. If that extra year is added in, it will affect fifty two employees. Councilman Barnes noted the council also discussed not giving any longevity bonus. If the county is running short in December, it can withdraw the second portion of the bonus.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Janet Kile reported the Personnel Committee is working on ways for employee benefits to not be as costly to the county. The current buy out on sick/comp/vacation days is estimated at \$209,000. She suggested the balance in the Riverboat Fund be dedicated for these pay outs. The committee is looking at future policies to control the cost. Councilman Steve McCorkle would like to know prior to budget hearings, how much does the county pay an employee for not being here. Tony will work on that. The Personnel Committee is also looking at holidays and other paid days off.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Scott Barnes explained what some of the responsibilities the ECDC does on a daily basis. McCorkle noted that Broadband is as important to economic development as water/sewage/utilities are. Barnes assured McCorkle the executive ECDC board is in high favor of the broadband project.

Steve McCorkle moved to adjourn the county council meeting. Janet Kile seconded the motion. Motion carried

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Charles Smith, Chairman

_____/Warren Norris/
Warren Norris

_____/absent/
Ralph Adams

/Janet Kile/
Janet Kile

/Marvin Hedrick/
Marvin Hedrick

/Scott Barnes/
Scott Barnes

/Steve McCorkle/
Steve McCorkle

ATTEST:

/Jodi Harr/
Jodi Harr, Auditor