

## **REGULAR MEETING      RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL    SEPTEMBER 10 & 11, 2019**

The Rush County Council met for the regular Rush County Council meeting on Tuesday, September 10 and September 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. with County Council Members Charles Smith, Warren Norris, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, Steve McCorkle, Ralph Adams and Scott Barnes, Jodi Harr, Auditor and County Attorney Leigh Morning in attendance.

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

Minutes of the August 21, 2019 Regular meeting were reviewed. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Scott Barnes seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of the August 30, 2019 Special meeting were reviewed. Janet Kile made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Warren Norris seconded. Motion carried.

### **PROSECUTOR**

Prosecutor Phil Caviness requested permission to advertise an additional appropriation in the Pre Trial Diversion Fund 2502 in the amount of \$20,477.00. This will be for reimbursement for unapproved expenses in the STOP grant fund 8118. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to allow the additional appropriation to be advertised. Scott Barnes seconded. Motion carried.

### **HEALTH**

With the retirement of the Health Nurse Supervisor, responsibilities have been realigned in the Health Department. Julia Apple will now be the office supervisor with an increase in pay. A part time RN will be hired and Chuck Kemker will be the PHER Preparedness Grant Coordinator. An amendment to Salary Ordinance 2018-4 was requested for each of these positions. Steve McCorkle made the motion to approve the amended salary ordinance. Scott Barnes seconded. Motion carried.

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Allan Rice requested permission to advertise for an additional appropriation in the Rush County E911 Fund for new equipment, radio upgrade and township fire department radio reimbursement. He will get the auditor an amount to advertise. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to allow the advertisement of the additional appropriation. Ralph Adams seconded. Motion carried.

### **FIRST READING OF THE 2020 RUSH COUNTY BUDGET**

Each county department heads presented their proposed 2020 budgets and answered questions had by the council.

- Prosecutor has resolved 115 cases through initial hearings so far in 2019 with the newly added deputy prosecutor.

- Coroner has other funding for the cooler account 40060 in the amount of \$6,600. It can be cut from the 2020 budget.

### **FIRST READING OF THE 2020 RUSH COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT BUDGET**

Carole Yeend, Director of the Solid Waste District presented her budget for 2020.

Recess for lunch at 11:30 reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

Reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

### **CONTINUATION OF FIRST READING OF THE 2020 RUSH COUNTY BUDGETS**

- Sheriff Rice commented in the proposed county general jail budget is an estimated three months of expenses for the old jail. The other nine months is estimated in the LIT budget. After discussion it was determined that two new correction officers would be cut from the proposed county general jail budget. Secretary 2 will be cut from the LIT budget. It was determined that two new corrections officers, social security, perf, inmate medical and bond payment/interest would be allowed in the LIT Special Purpose Fund 1114. The remainder balance will be budgeted as capital outlays and transferred where it is needed once the council knows more about when the move will take place and what will be needed.

Council Woman Janet Kile had to leave for a prior commitment but will return.

- Discussion then turned to the pay of the sheriff merit deputies. After much discussion Scott Barnes made the motion to adopt the new specialty class pay including 3.5 Pepper ball Launcher Instructor, leave the rank pay the same and to leave the advance education degree pay the same. Steve McCorkle seconded. Marvin Hedrick abstained due to his son being a merit officer. Janet Kile was absent. Warren Norris voted no. Yes votes were Scott Barnes, Steve McCorkle, and Ralph Adams. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held on longevity pay for the sheriff, jail and E911 employees. Scott Barnes made the motion to pay sheriff, jail and E911 employees \$100 per year of service. With no second, the motion was rescinded by Barnes. Steve McCorkle made the motion for longevity for sheriff, jail, E911 and county highway employees to be calculated the same as the courthouse. Scott Barnes seconded. Marvin Hedrick abstained. All in favor. Motion carried. The HR Director and Auditor will work on that and bring back to the council on Wednesday.

Council Woman Kile returned

- Courthouse Security Deputy was proposed to be a full time merit deputy. This would allow the sheriff flexibility in where and who worked security. McCorkle made the motion to fill the courthouse security position with a full time merit deputy. Barnes seconded. Yes votes were McCorkle and Barnes. No votes were Janet Kile, Ralph Adams and Warren Norris. Hedrick abstained. Motion did not carry. Ralph Adams

made the motion to fill the courthouse security position with a full time correction officer. Norris seconded. Kile, Adams and Norris voted yes. Barnes and McCorkle voted No. Motion carried. The council cut the new deputy position from the sheriff budget along with \$50,000 for part time sheriff. They added to the jail budget a full time correction officer for courthouse security.

- Jail Salaries
  - Steve McCorkle made the motion for the gross pay of the jail commander to be the same as the lowest paid Merit Deputy. Ralph Adams seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
  - Two corporal ranks were requested in order to have rank coverage 24 hours a day. The rank pay is \$1,200. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve. Janet Kile seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
  - Two sergeant ranks were requested. The rank pay is \$2,000. Ralph Adams made the motion to approve. Marvin Hedrick seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
  - Lieutenant rank pay was requested at \$3,500. Scott Barnes made the motion to approve. Steve McCorkle seconded. Motion carried. All in favor.
- Elected Official salaries were discussed next. Steve McCorkle made the motion to approve the following salaries for elected officials with longevity pay being cut. Ralph Adams seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
  - Auditor \$49,998.00
  - Clerk \$47,502.00
  - Treasurer \$45,006.00
  - Assessor, Recorder and Surveyor \$42,016.00
- Solid Waste District Salary was discussed. Warren Norris made the motion to increase the Director's salary to \$42,016.00. There was not a second to the motion so it died. Steve McCorkle made the motion to leave the Director salary at \$40,690 and to cut the longevity. Scott Barnes seconded. Warren Norris voted no. McCorkle, Barnes, Hedrick, Kile and Adams voted yes. Motion carried.
- Community Correction salaries were discussed next. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to not approve any pay raises for community correction employees. Warren Norris seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

At 6:45 the meeting was recessed until Wednesday, September 11 at 9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 11, 2019 reconvened the meeting.

### **2020 POSEY TOWNSHIP BUDGET**

Due to the Posey Township Advisory Board having a majority of volunteer firefighters, the Rush County Council held a public hearing to adopt the Posey Township 2020 budget. Hearing no comment from those in attendance, Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve Rush

County Council Ordinance 2019-4 Adopting the Budget of Posey Township, Rush County, Indiana. Ralph Adams seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **RECORDER PERPETUATION FUND**

Rush County Council Ordinance 2019-5 Permitting the Rush County Recorder to Expend Monies in the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund was presented. Warren Norris made the motion to approve Ordinance 2019-5. Janet Kile seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **2020 RUSH COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT BUDGET ADOPTION**

Discussion was held on the prior day's salary discussion. Scott Barnes made the motion to adopt the 2020 Rush County Solid Waste District's budget with the salary modifications approved the prior day. Steve McCorkle seconded. Warren Norris voted No. Ralph Adams, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, Scott Barnes and Steve McCorkle voted yes. Motion carried.

### **2020 RUSH COUNTY BUDGET ADOPTION CONTINUED**

Discussion continued on the sheriff and jail longevity. HR Director Tony Personett presented a plan that will put the longevity for sheriff, jail and E911 dispatch employees on the same format as courthouse employees. Year one will be base pay with one increase for year two and three, and a final increase for year four and beyond. Janet Kile made the motion to approve this pay schedule. Warren Norris seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried. County Attorney Leigh Morning will have the ordinance prepared for the council's signature on October 9. Scott Barnes made the motion that all longevity pay increase for all county employees will be as of January 10<sup>th</sup> of each year. Steve McCorkle seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Community Corrections Director Ashley Stevens was present to answer questions regarding the pay for her department. All of her employees are classified as probation officers except for the field officer and the administrative assistant. Probation Officer salaries are set by the state. She has requested a new Pretrial Case Manager position be added. She is not sure if this will be a probation officer. It will be up to her board and the State DOC whether it is permitted.

10:05 Recess until 2:00 p.m.

Reconvene at 2:40 p.m. due to the auditor taking longer than expected to calculate the proposed adopted budget amounts.

Auditor Harr presented Ordinance 2019-7 Adopting the 2020 Rush County Budget in the amount of \$21,998,309 with an additional \$508,943 being allowed for circuit breaker losses for a total of \$22,507,252.00. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-7 approving the 2020 Rush County Budget. Scott Barnes seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Steve McCorkle made the motion to adjourn. Scott Barnes seconded. Motion carried.

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Jodi Harr, Auditor