

SPECIAL MEETING

RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL

APRIL 8, 2020

The Rush County Council met for A Special Rush County Council meeting during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. with County Council Member Charles Smith present. Warren Norris, Ralph Adams, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, Scott Barnes and Carl Harcourt were present via conference call. Jodi Harr, Auditor and County Attorney Leigh Morning were in attendance.

The meeting was properly advertised with notice given to the media and public of the conference call phone number and access code.

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

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

An additional appropriation in the amount of \$15,000.00 was presented for fund 1123 RCCC Community Transition Program to purchase furniture for their new offices. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve the additional appropriation. Carl Harcourt seconded. Norris – Aye, Adams – Aye, Kile – Aye, Hedrick – Aye, Harcourt – Aye. Barnes was not yet present. Motion carried.

SALARY ORDINANCE

An amended Salary Ordinance 2019-11 was presented. The amendment is changing the pay schedule for part time jail workers effective April 11, 2020. Hedrick ask for clarification on the number of staff needed for eight hour shifts versus twelve hour shifts. There was a great deal of overtime on this payroll. It was due to moving inmates into the new jail. It was also noted that by full time correction officers working twelve hour shifts, they will get at least four hours of overtime every pay. The twelve hour shifts are only to be worked during the public health emergency for COVID-19. Adams made the motion to approve the amended salary ordinance. Norris seconded. Norris – Aye, Adams – Aye, Kile – Aye, Hedrick – Aye, Harcourt – Aye, Barnes – Aye. Motion carried.

JAIL RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Sheriff Rice is working with ECS to correct the radio communication issues within the new jail. He does not have an estimate on what it will cost to correct. No one knows if this was included in the jail project engineering. This is tabled until the next meeting.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested permission to apply for the bridge inspection grant through INDOT. This will be for 2021 through 2025 in the amount of \$320,000.00. Kile made the motion to approve the grant application. Norris seconded. Norris – Aye, Adams – Aye, Kile – Aye, Hedrick – Aye, Harcourt – Aye, Barnes – Aye. Motion carried.

EMA GRANT

Director Chuck Kemker requested permission to advertise for a federal grant 2020 SHSP to improve cybersecurity and upgrade email security. Barnes made the motion to approve. Hedrick seconded. Norris – Aye, Adams – Aye, Kile – Aye, Hedrick – Aye, Harcourt – Aye, Barnes – Aye. Motion carried.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Julia Apple updated the council on the task force meetings. Kemker updated them on personal protection equipment shortage. A public service video has been made. The task force has starting talking about a recovery plan. Discussion was also had on the financial impact this is having.

Norris made the motion to adjourn. Barnes seconded. Norris – Aye, Adams – Aye, Kile – Aye, Hedrick – Aye, Harcourt – Aye, Barnes – Aye. Motion carried.

/Charles Smith/
Charles Smith, Chairman

/Warren Norris/
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/Marvin Hedrick/
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/Scott Barnes/
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/Carl Harcourt/
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ATTEST:

/Jodi Harr/
Jodi Harr, Auditor