

REGULAR MEETING

RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

The Rush County Council met for their regular Rush County Council meeting on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. with County Council Members Charles Smith, Warren Norris, Ralph Adams, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, Scott Barnes and Carl Harcourt present. Tammy Justice, Deputy Auditor and County Attorney Leigh Morning were in attendance. Auditor Jodi Harr was absent.

The meeting was properly advertised with notice given to the media.

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

MINUTES

Minutes from the prior meeting were not available for approval due to the absence of Auditor Jodi Harr.

PUBLIC HEARING RUSH COUNTY BUDGET 2021

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Smith called to order the Public Hearing for the Rush County 2021 budget. Hearing no comments from the public, Carl Harcourt made the motion to close the public hearing. Scott Barnes seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING RUSH COUNTY SOLID WASTE 2021

Chairman Smith called to order the Public Hearing for the Rush County Solid Waste District 2021 budget. Hearing no comments from the public, Warren Norris made the motion to close the public hearing. Ralph Adams seconded. Motion carried.

POSEY TOWNSHIP BUDGET 2021

Due to the Posey Township Advisory Board having Posey Township volunteer firefighters on their board, I.C. 36-1-23-2 states the fiscal body of Rush County must review and adopt their budget. After reviewing the proposed budget, Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve Ordinance 2020-3 adopting the 2021 budget for Posey Township. Janet Kile seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Julia Apple requested the following transfer of funds:

- 1159.30002.000.0000 Travel to 1159.40003.000.0000 Furniture/Equipment \$500.00
- 1159.30002.000.0000 Travel to 1159.40003.000.0000 Furniture/Equipment \$800.00
- 1159.30002.000.0000 Travel to 1159.40003.000.0000 Furniture/Equipment \$2,000.00

Carl Harcourt made the motion to allow the transfers. Scott Barnes seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Allan Rice was present to request adding an additional ranking of corporal to the correction officer schedule. After discussion, Janet Kile made the motion to table this until the next meeting while waiting for a job description to be made. Warren Norris seconded. Kile, Norris, Adams, Hedrick and Harcourt voted Aye. Barnes voted Nay. Motion carried.

RUSH SOLAR PROJECT II, LLC

On September 28, 2020 the Rush County Commissioners approved an Option and Lease Agreement with Rush Solar Project II, LLC for the option and lease of approximately 190 acres of real estate owned by the Board of Commissioners of Rush County for an option term of four (4) years, and a lease term of forty (40) years, if the option is exercised. County Council Ordinance 2020-4 approving the option and lease agreement with Rush Solar Project II, LLC. Was presented for the approval of the county council. Warren Norris made the motion to approve Ordinance 2020-4. Scott Barnes seconded. Carl Harcourt abstained from voting because he has a personal interest in the project. Norris, Barnes, Adams, Kile, and Hedrick voted Aye. Motion carried.

STORAGE BUILDING

Discussion was held no action

2021 BUDGET DISCUSSION

- Circuit Court, Motion by Scott Barnes to reduce Guardian Ad Litem to \$40,000.00. Second by Carl Harcourt. Motion carried.
- Circuit Court, Motion by Marvin Hedrick to remove Legal Fees-Mandate to \$0.00. Second by Ralph Adams. Motion carried.
- Area Plan, Motion by Ralph Adams to leave 2021 salaries the same as 2020. Second by Marvin Hedrick. Kile, Norris, Adams, Hedrick and Harcourt voted Aye. Barnes voted Nay. Motion carried.
- Area Plan, Motion by Marvin Hedrick to reduce Plan Consultant to \$10,000.00. Second by Carl Harcourt. Motion Carried.
- Public Safety, Motion by Scott Barnes to leave 2021 budget line items; Office Supplies, Safety Equipment, and Vehicle Maintenance the same as 2020. Second by Ralph Adams. Motion Carried.
- Assessor, Motion by Marvin Hedrick to leave 2021 salaries the same as 2020. Second by Janet Kile. Motion Carried.
- Jail, Motion by Ralph Adams to reduce Part Time to \$120,000.00. Second by Carl Harcourt. Motion Carried.
- Rush County 911 Fund, Motion by Warren Norris to approve E911 Budget. Second by Scott Barnes. Motion Carried.
- Cops Grant, Motion by Marvin Hedrick to reduce 2021 Budget to \$0.00 on all line items. Second by Carl Harcourt. Motion Carried.

- Veterans Service, Motion by Scott Barnes to remove Veterans Vehicle with the understanding the Veterans Service can ask for the total amount of vehicle in 2022 budget. Second by Marvin Hedrick. Motion Carried

Marvin Hedrick made the motion that all cuts that were made go into the County Council Use Line. Second by Janet Kile. Motion Carried.

Scott Barnes made the motion to adjourn. Ralph Adams seconded. All were in agreeance. 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

/Carl Harcourt/
Carl Harcourt

ATTEST:

/Jodi Harr/
Jodi Harr, Auditor