

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL NOVEMBER 10, 2020**

The Rush County Council met for their regular Rush County Council meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 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. Jodi Harr, Auditor and County Attorney Leigh Morning were in attendance.

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

### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the October 14, 2020 regular meeting were presented. Scott Barnes made the motion to approve. Ralph Adams seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **PROSECUTOR**

Warren Norris made the motion to approve the additional appropriation for the STOP grant in the amount of \$71,294.00 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 20, 2021. Carl Harcourt seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A transfer in fund 9110 Prosecutor Deferral Grant in the amount of \$300.00 from account 30005 misc. services to account 10200 social security was approved on a motion by Marvin Hedrick and seconded by Ralph Adams. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Prosecutor Investigator pay for 2021 was submitted incorrectly at budget time. It would have resulted in a cut in pay for that position. Prosecutor Phil Caviness requested the 2021 Salary Ordinance reflect the correct amount of \$35,568. He will request a transfer if needed in 2021. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve. Scott Barnes seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

An additional appropriation in fund 8119 CFDA # 93.788 IN State Opioid grant was requested in the amount of \$60,000.00 for the grant period of November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2021. Ralph Adams made the motion to approve the additional appropriation. Carl Harcourt seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **SHERIFF**

An additional appropriation in fund 7109 K9 Contribution was requested in the amount of \$4,000.00. This is money that was received during the recent K9 golf outing. It will be used to purchase two vehicle cages. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve the additional appropriation. Carl Harcourt seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Sheriff Allan Rice requested a letter of support from the commissioners once the council approves the application to apply for the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Solicitation FY 2020 Formula grant. He will use the funds as reimbursement for supplies and courthouse security deputy salaries along with overtime. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve the request. Scott Barnes seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Sheriff Rice presented a written request to use commissary funds for the 2020 Rush County Sheriff's Department awards banquet not to exceed \$2,500.00. Ralph Adams made the motion to approve. Janet Kile seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **AUDITOR**

Auditor Jodi Harr requested a transfer in the auditor county general budget in the amount of \$1,200.00 from account 30002 travel to account 20010 supplies. Scott Barnes made the motion to approve the transfer. Ralph Adams seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Harr also requested a transfer in the county general commissioner budget in the amount of \$19,278.00 from account 40052 council use only to account 30186 professional services. This is to pay Financial Services Group. Discussion was held as to pay this from Riverboat or Commissioner. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to pay if from the commissioner budget. Warren Norris seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**CARES ACT**

The remaining CARES Act money has been received and deposited into county general as payroll reimbursement. Auditor Harr requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$353,589.65 in county general to cover the expense of the projects identified and approved as COVID 19 expenses. Ralph Adams made the motion to approve the additional appropriation. Carl Harcourt seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**SALARY ORDINANCE**

Amended Salary Ordinance 2019-12 was presented for approval. It updated the pay for the PHER Preparedness Grant coordinator and the IN State Opioid Crisis Grant PreTrial Officer. Scott Barnes made the motion to approve. Carl Harcourt seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Salary Ordinance 2020-7 for 2021 Salaries was presented based on the approved 2021 budgets. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve. Warren Norris seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**2021 CALENDAR**

The 2021 Calendar county calendar was presented for approval. Ralph Adams made the motion to approve. Janet Kile seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**OWEN L. CARR/OMER STANLEY DRAIN #548**

Rush County Surveyor Marvin Rees was present to request permission to apply for a loan for reconstruction of the Owen L. Carr/Moer Stanley Drain #548 if enough land owners do not prepay the expense. The Drainage Board approved Resolution 2020-1 on November 9, 2020. The railroad company is to pay half of the project cost; however, they have not paid their permit fee so it is not known if they will pay at all. He would like to do prepayments through the treasurer’s office. If a loan has to be taken, interest will be charged to those landowners who do not prepay. Warren Norris made the motion to approve. Marvin Hedrick seconded. Charles Smith abstained as he owns loan on the drain. Norris, Hedrick, Adams, Kile, Barnes and Harcourt voted Aye. Motion carried.

Carl Harcourt made the motion to adjourn. Warren Norris seconded. All were in agreeance. Motion carried.

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Jodi Harr, Auditor