

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL DECEMBER 9, 2020**

The Rush County Council met for their regular Rush County Council meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. with County Council Members Charles Smith, Warren Norris, Ralph Adams, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, and Scott Barnes. As per the COVID Pandemic guidelines, Carl Harcourt was present via conference call. Jodi Harr, Auditor and County Attorney Leigh Morning were in attendance.

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

Smith recognized and presented plaques to retiring council members Marvin Hedrick and Warren Norris.

### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the November 10, 2020 regular meeting were presented. Scott Barnes made the motion to approve. Marvin Hedrick seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **CIRCUIT COURT**

Circuit Court Judge Northam was present to request a transfer in his county general circuit court budget to pay for legal fees to assist him to get the courthouse renovations started. The funds are already budgeted within his current 2020 budget but not used due to low case load because of the COVID19 pandemic. The fees are through March 20, 2020. He does not anticipate any further fees associated with this. Councilman Barnes asked if this will end the discussion of the mandate to the county. County Attorney Leigh Morning believes the attorney would not invoice the county if they foresee additional mandate charges. Councilman Smith ask if other department heads could seek outside attorney services and fees to sue the county in this manner. Morning believes only courts can do this. Scott Barnes made the motion to approve the transfers. Warren Norris seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **COURT SERVICE TRANSFERS**

Ashley Stevens was present to request the following transfers:

- Fund 2000 Adult Probation User Fees in the amount of \$725.00 from account 30002 Travel to account 20010 supplies. Ralph Adams made the motion to approve the transfer. Marvin Hedrick seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Fund 2505 RCCC User Fees in the amount of \$1,436.00 from account 30193 equipment leasing to account 40033 misc equipment. Janet Kile made the motion to approve the transfer. Ralph Adams seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **ASSESSOR**

Rush County Assessor Mary Ann Bridges requested a transfer in fund 1188 Reassessment in the amount of \$3,458.40 from account 10064 extra help to account 30013 contract services.

Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve the transfer. Warren Norris seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **VETERANS SERVICES**

Veteran Service Officer Dannon Todd requested a transfer in his county general Veterans service budget in the amount of \$400.00 from account 30036 computer to account 20010 supplies. Ralph Adams made the motion to approve. Janet Kile seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **EXTENSION**

Carly Holland requested a transfer in the county general extension budget in the amount of \$4,000.00 from account 10018 part time to account 30020 repair & maint. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve. Warren Norris seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **HR**

HR Director Tony Personett requested a transfer in his county general budget in the amount of \$300.00 from account 30002 travel to account 20010 supplies. Janet Kile made the motion to approve. Warren Norris seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **END OF YEAR TRANSFERS**

Marvin Hedrick made the motion to give Auditor Jodi Harr permission to complete end of the year transfers and bring a list to the first council meeting of 2021. Carl Harcourt seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **E911**

The council approved \$136,968.00 in the 2021 E911 Fund 1222 budget to reimburse Rushville City E911 dispatchers salaries. Ralph Adams made the motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement by and between City of Rushville and County of Rush. Marvin Hedrick seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **BROADBAND**

Carole Yeend updated the council on the broadband project in Rush County. She requested everyone to do the internet speed test on the broadband web site.

### **RUSH COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Kristi Amos announced the Rush County Community Foundation was awarded the \$5 million community center grant by the Lilly Endowment.

### **COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Mark Bacon updated the council on courthouse repairs and jail building issues.

### **I.T.**

I.T. Director Randy Herbert requested the county council increase his pay in 2021 an additional \$14,000 to an annual amount of \$75,000. If the county would have to replace Herbert, we would have trouble getting someone at his current salary. With having installed all new equipment in the jail, the 2021 increase could be transferred from the cum cap equipment line to his salary. Commissioner Paul Wilkinson commented we have to look at the position not the person. The commissioners have asked HR to gather some additional information. They will make a recommendation at the first of the year once the 2021 budgets are approved by the state.

## **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Allan Rice gave a department update. The jail is housing inmates from other counties which will generate additional money for the county general fund.

Firearms and vest replacement will cost more than anticipated and more than budgeted. He would like to go ahead and purchase them to have the invoice in order to encumber 2020 funds. Councilman Smith asked that we not get in the cycle of replacing all vest and firearms at the same time.

They are still having water and stone problems along with heating/cooling issues in the dispatch center and computer room at the new jail.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

The following 2021 appointments were made:

- Alcoholic Beverage Board – Scott Barnes made the motion to reappoint Dan Shanahan. Ralph Adams seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Hospital Board – Barnes commented would have liked to interview the interested candidates. We have some really good candidates. Barnes made the motion to appoint Linda Levi. There was no second. The motion died. Ralph Adams made the motion to appoint Mark Spurlin. Marvin Hedrick seconded. Barnes voted No. Harcourt, Norris, Adams, Kile and Hedrick voted Aye. Motion carried.
- Area Plan – Scott Barnes made the motion to appoint Kenny Aulbach. Janet Kile seconded. Norris voted No. Barnes, Harcourt, Adams, Kile and Hedrick voted Aye. Motion carried.
- Fiber Board – Scott Barnes made the motion to appoint Mark Hass. Warren Norris seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Council Member Appointments:
  - Area Plan – Denny Corn
  - Eastern Indiana Development District – Scott Barnes
  - ECDC – Scott Barnes
  - Health Insurance – Charles Smith
  - Solid Waste Board – Kile Gardner
  - EMA Board – Carl Harcourt

- Community Corrections – Ralph Adams
- Revolving Loan Board – Charles Smith
- Redevelopment Commission – Charles Smith
- Personnel Committee – Janet Kile

Warren Norris and Marvin Hedrick gave their thanks and farewell remarks.

Warren Norris made the motion to adjourn. Marvin Hedrick seconded. All were in agreeance. Motion carried.

          /Charles Smith            
Charles Smith, Chairman

          No Longer in Office            
Warren Norris

          /Ralph Adams            
Ralph Adams

          /Janet Kile/            
Janet Kile

          No Longer in Office            
Marvin Hedrick

          /Scott Barnes            
Scott Barnes

          /Carl Harcourt/            
Carl Harcourt

ATTEST:

          /Tammy Justice/            
Tammy Justice, Auditor