

The Rush County Council met for a special meeting on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. with 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 video Zoom. Auditor Jodi Harr, and County Attorney Leigh Morning in attendance. Greg Guerrattaz and Charlie Joyce with Financial Solutions Group were also present via Zoom.

Council President Charles Smith called the council to order.

RUSH COUNTY HEALTH NURSE

Rush County Health Department Office Manager Julia Apple and Rush County Health Nurse Dixie Meyer were present to discuss the amount of overtime/comp time being earned by the county health nurse due to the COVID 19 pandemic. With the inability for her to take her vacation time and earned time off, she is accumulating more time off than she can take. After discussion, Scott Barnes made the motion to allow the health nurse to be paid seventy hours of vacation time and twelve hours of earned comp time out of the county general budget. This will bring her current on paid time off. Janet Kile seconded. All were in favor including Harcourt via Zoom. Motion carried.

Marvin Hedrick made the motion to allow payment of up to fifteen hours per month of overtime for working on COVID 19 responsibilities through May 1, 2021 for the county health nurse out of county general. Ralph Adams seconded. All were in favor including Harcourt via Zoom. Motion carried.

1782 BUDGET NOTICE FOR 2021 BUDGETS

The 1782 Notice for the 2021 budget was received from the DLGF. The following action was taken following advisement of Financial Solutions Group:

- The Health Department budget needed to be reduced by \$12,690.00. Warren Norris made the motion to approve a Line 2 Reduction from the 2020 Health Budget of \$7,346.00 from 10201 Health Insurance and \$5,344.00 from 40052 council use only. Marvin Hedrick seconded. All were in favor including Harcourt via Zoom. Motion carried.
- The County General budget needed to be reduced by \$196,031. Discussion was held on the importance of establishing a cash balance at the end of 2020 so it was not recommended to cut the 2020 commissioner budget. During the 2021 budget hearings, funds in the county general jail budget were moved to the LIT Special Purpose budget. The council use only line in the county general commissioner budget was increased by this same amount in case the LIT budget had to be reduced. Scott Barnes made the

motion to reduce the county general council use only line by \$196,031 in the 2021 budget. Carl Harcourt seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE BONDING OF MAINTENANCE

Guerrattaz asked for an update on the maintenance projects and it's financing. The council requested that he speak to the commissioners at the January commissioner meeting on the importance of doing the roof financing ASAP.

Ralph Adams made the motion to adjourn. Warren Norris seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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Charles Smith, Chairman

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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