

**REGULAR MEETING****RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL****FEBRUARY 10, 2021**

The Rush County Council met for the regular Rush County Council meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. with County Council Members Charles Smith, Denny Corn, Janet Kile, Kyle Gardner, Scott Barnes and Carl Harcourt. Tammy Justice, Auditor was in attendance. County Attorney, Leigh Morning was absent.

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

Minutes of the January 13, 2020 regular meeting were reviewed. Denny Corn made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Carl Harcourt seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of the February 8, 2021 special meeting were reviewed. Carl Harcourt made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Denny Corn seconded. Carl Harcourt, Denny Corn, Kyle Gardner, and Scott Barnes were in favor. Janet Kile abstained because she was not at the special meeting. Motion carried.

**PROSECUTOR**

Prosecutor Phil Caviness requested that the intern they hired be paid out of Fund #2502 Pre-trial Diversion instead of Fund #2503-Infracton Fund which would have an effect on the Salary Ordinance.

**IT**

Auditor presented a request from IT Department to Transfer \$10,000.00 from Equipment to IT Salary. Carl Harcourt made motion to transfer \$10,000.00 from Equipment to IT Salary. Denny Corn seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**AUDITOR**

The salary ordinance was presented by the Auditor. Changes listed as follows:

- Barbara Mc Mahan was approved on 01.13.2021 - \$37,544.00
- Brandon Colestock was approved on 01.13.2021 - \$36,346.00
- Dakota Moore was approved on 01.13.2021 - \$37,336.00
- IT, Randy Herbert, Exempt - \$71,000.00
- Courthouse Security Grant Fund 8905 CO Ashley Robinson - \$30,378.40. CO Ashley Robinson is also on another line in the Salary Ordinance under the Jail. Sheriff Allan Rice knows he can use one or the other line and does not have an extra Security Guard salary line.
- Deputy Clerk up to \$17.73 hourly
- Pre-Trial Diversion Fund 2502 Part time Intern up to \$12.00 hourly
- Pre-Trial Diversion Fund 2502 Part Time Investigator, \$23.58 hourly

- Pre-Trial Officer Fund 8119 Grant, William Jones \$36,000.00

Scott Barnes made motion to approve Salary Ordinance as presented. Denny Corn seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **HR**

HR Director, Tony Personett informed that there will be a Health Fair on March 17, 2021.

## **COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Mark Bacon updated on the roof. There are 3 different companies and 2 of them can get started by this summer. The companies should have quotes to the commissioners in the next few weeks. Stan Richards looked at the Air Handlers to see if they needed change during the roofing project and Richards said they just need to put new controls on them.

Mark indicated that Commissioner Paul Wilkinson will volunteer from the Commissioners to sit on the committee for the negotiations of the solar project.

Discussion was held on the status of the storage building. Chairman Charlie Smith indicated that we are out space for storage. Health Department, EMA, Sheriff, and Courthouse are out of space.

## **HEALTH**

Julia Apple gave an updated report as of Jan 2021. Julia is doing Food Inspections as needed. The Health Department has a new Board member Jackie Gettinger. Julia indicated they are doing Home Bound Vaccines.

## **Sheriff**

Sheriff Allan Rice gave an update as the servers went down on 02/09/21, every phone line in the county went down including the Sheriff's Department phone number. Only one was working was the 911. Sheriff indicated that we have to have a backup and we actually need a phone line.

Sheriff invited the Councilmen to the Final Walk through schedule 02/10/21.

Sheriff informed the council on 02/11/21 @ 6:45 p.m. of a meeting on webex for the Pension Board.

## **Council**

Council asked the Auditor to arrange a class for abatements with Brad Berkemeier from Nexus. It will be scheduled on March 10, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Denny Corn made the motion to adjourn. Carl Harcourt seconded. Motion carried.

/Charles Smith/  
Charles Smith, Chairman

/Scott Barnes  
Scott Barnes

/Denny Corn/  
Denny Corn

/Janet Kile /  
Janet Kile

/Kyle Gardner/  
Kyle Gardner

/Carl Harcourt/  
Carl Harcourt

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/  
Tammy Justice, Auditor