

REGULAR MEETING

RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL OCTOBER 14, 2020

The Rush County Council met for their regular Rush County Council meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 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 August 12, 2020 regular meeting were presented. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve. Carl Harcourt seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes of the August 20, 2020 special meeting were presented. Janet Kile made the motion to approve. Ralph Adams seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes of the September 30, 2020 regular meeting were presented. Warren Norris made the motion to approve. Scott Barnes seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Attorney David Malson asked if the council had any questions regarding the public defender 2021 budget. He reported on state reimbursement received for public defender services. They have not had to use the Supplemental Public Defender fund so far in 2020.

HR

HR Director Tony Personett advised the changes to the employee personnel policy have been forwarded to Waggoner, Irwin and Scheele for their professional review.

INFRACTION DEFERRAL

Prosecutor Phil Caviness requested an additional appropriation in fund 2503 in the amount of \$1,500.00 for part time. Warren Norris made the motion to approve. Scott Barnes seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

STOP GRANT

Prosecutor Phil Caviness requested permission to advertise an additional appropriation in fund 8118 CFDA #16.588 STOP Grant in the amount of \$71,294.03. This is for grant cycle 10/01/20 through 06/30/21. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to allow. Scott Barnes seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER

Rush County Treasurer Cindy Humphrey requested permission to transfer \$85.00 in her county general budget from 30011 advertising to 20010 supplies. Janet Kile made the motion to approve the transfer. Ralph Adams seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

The Area Plan appointment of Phil Shanahan expires October 31, 2020. Ralph Adams made the motion to reappoint Shanahan. Janet Kile seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

After further discussion, Ralph Adams made the motion to rescind his prior motion of reappointing Phil Shanahan to the Area Plan. Janet Kile seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Warren Norris made the motion to reappoint Phil Shanahan to the Area Plan board until December 31, 2020 and to advertise for letters of interest to be submitted by anyone interested in any of the upcoming appointments. The appointments will be made at the December council meeting. Ralph Adams seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CARES ACT

The State of Indiana expanded the use of CARES Act relief funds to cover payroll expenses for public health and public safety employees. The auditor will file a claim with the Indiana Finance Authority for the remaining \$470,987.22 due to the county from designated CARES Act funding from the State of Indiana. Once the funds are moved from the CARES Act grant fund to the county general fund, the county council can appropriate the money through the additional appropriation process however they wish to use the money. The county financial advisor recommended leaving as much as possible in the cash fund to offset revenue losses. Marvin Hedrick made the motion for the auditor to advertise an additional appropriation for the amount already committed to pay for COVID-19 expenses. Ralph Adams seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Allan Rice requested permission to apply for a grant to pay the salary of the courthouse security officer through a CARES Act grant offered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. Scott Barnes made the motion for the sheriff to apply for the grant. Carl Harcourt seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Rice requested permission to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,000.00 in fund 7109 K9 Contributions to pay for a new K9 cage in one of the newly purchased trucks. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve the request to advertise. Scott Barnes seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the second corporal position for correction officers. Since it was not in the 2020 salary ordinance or budget, it will not be effective until 01/01/21. They are working on the job descriptions for ranking officers.

STORAGE BUILDING

Scott Barnes asked Commissioner Wilkinson if we want to bid this project out since we have more time and less restrictions to use the funds received from the CARES Act. Do we want to purchase the neighboring lot of the original location? The concern with that lot is the possibility of contaminated soil. The commissioners will look into it.

RUSH COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT 2021 BUDGET

Ordinance 2020-5 adopting the Rush County Solid Waste District 2021 budget was presented for approval of the council. Warren Norris made the motion to adopt the \$147,022.00 budget for 2021. Ralph Adams seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RUSH COUNTY 2021 BUDGET

Ordinance 2020-6 adopting the Rush County 2021 budget was presented for approval of the council. Ralph Adams made the motion to approve the 2021 budget in the amount of \$18,312,798.00. Warren Norris seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

/Charles Smith/
Charles Smith, Chairman

/Warren Norris/
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/Ralph Adams/
Ralph Adams

/Janet Kile/
Janet Kile

/Marvin Hedrick/
Marvin Hedrick

/Scott Barnes/
Scott Barnes

/Carl Harcourt/
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ATTEST:

/Jodi Harr/
Jodi Harr, Auditor