

REGULAR MEETING RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL August 25, 2021

The Rush County Council met for the regular Rush County Council meeting on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. with County Council Members Scott Barnes, Denny Corn, Janet Kile, Kyle Gardner, and Carl Harcourt. Charles Smith and Amy Grocox were present on Virtual Zoom. Auditor, Tammy Justice was in attendance. County Attorney Leigh Morning was absent.

Assistant Chairman Scott Barnes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes of the July 14, 2021 Regular Session meeting were reviewed. Denny Corn made the motion to approve the minutes. Kyle Gardner seconded. Roll Call for AYE Denny Corn, Janet Kile, and Kyle Gardner. Virtual vote for AYE is Amy Grocox and Charlie Smith. Carl Harcourt did not vote because he was not present at last meeting. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Additional Appropriation for Emergency Supplemental Funding Program FY 2020 Formula Grant from the Sheriff Department. The Grant was approved on November 10, 2020. Carl Harcourt made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation Emergency Supplemental Funding Program FY 2020 Formula Grant from November 10, 2020 in amount of \$37,015.48. Seconded by Janet Kile. Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Janet Kile, Aye, Kyle Gardner, Aye, Carl Harcourt, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, and Charlie Smith, Aye. Motion carried.

Rush Circuit Court requested transfer of funds from Supplies 1000.20010.0000.0232 to Office Furniture 1000.40003.0000.0232 in amount of \$600.00. Charlie Smith made a motion to approve the Rush Circuit Court transfer of funds from Supplies to Office Furniture in amount of 600.00. Seconded by Amy Grocox. Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Janet Kile, Aye, Kyle Gardner, Aye, Carl Harcourt, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, and Charlie Smith, Aye. Motion carried.

Highway requested transfer of funds from Lease Purchase 1176.40024.000.0533 to Truck Repair 1176.30170.000.0533 in the amount of \$6,586.82. Carl Harcourt made the motion to approve the Highway transfer of funds from Lease Purchase to Truck Repair in the amount of \$6,586.82. Seconded by Denny Corn.

Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Janet Kile, Aye, Kyle Gardner, Aye, Carl Harcourt, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, and Charlie Smith, Aye. Motion carried.

Heath Department request for Grant Application for Covid Immunization Grant in amount of \$34,383.43. Discussion was held. There is no county match. Denny Corn made motion to approve the Grant application for Covid Immunization Grant in amount of \$34,383.43. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. . Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Janet Kile, Aye, Kyle Gardner, Aye, Carl Harcourt, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, and Charlie Smith, Aye. Motion carried.

Commissioners are requesting for Additional Appropriation for fund 8950 CFDA #21.027 ARPA Coronavirus in the amount of \$10,000.00. Discussion was held on the use of the money for ARP Backpacks and Supplies. Amy Grocox made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation for fund 8950 CFDA #21.027 ARPA Coronavirus in the amount of \$10,000.00. Seconded by Denny Corn. Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Janet Kile, Aye, Kyle Gardner, Aye, Carl Harcourt, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, and Charlie Smith, Aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor, Tammy Justice is needing a recommendation from the council for the Calculation of Estimated Maximum Levy Report for Budget Year 2022 and the 2022 Estimated Property Tax Cap Impact Report. Discussion was held. Carl Harcourt made a motion that the Council has no recommendation for the Calculation of Estimated Maximum Levy Report for Budget Year 2022 and 2022 Estimated Property Tax Cap Impact Report. Seconded by Janet Kile. Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Janet Kile, Aye, Kyle Gardner, Aye, Carl Harcourt, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, and Charlie Smith, Aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the entire process on the timing of the budget. Gregg Guerrettaz from FSG gave the reason why if you speed ahead you do not have specifics and if you have reasonable amount of time you have more specifics.

Roll Call for the Commissioners Mark Bacon and Ron Jarman.

COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Mark Bacon gave an update on the southside sidewalks and the bids for roof that were due on Monday August 20, 2021.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff, Allan Rice presented the council with a wage study. Sheriff Rice main concern is we have to stay competitive. Sheriff also indicated we are continuously loosing jailers. We are running a minimal staff in the jail. Discussion was held of how many that are leaving because of salaries. Sheriff Rice indicated his last deputy left because of salary. Gregg Guerrettaz commented one of things they see are average age of the jail are considerably less. Sheriff Rice indicated at the end of 2 years you receive \$2,000.00 and 4 years you receive \$4,000.00 longevity. We are going below the age of 21 to hire in the jail. Continue discussions.
- Sheriff gave an update on the water softener.
- Discussion was held on shorter shifts of jail and 16 correction officers with 4 correction officers per crew.

Roll call for Commissioners Paul Wilkinson.

Carl Harcourt made the motion to adjourn. Denny Corn seconded. Motion carried. Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Janet Kile, Aye, Kyle Gardner, Aye, Carl Harcourt, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, and Charlie Smith, Aye. Motion carried.

Charles Smith, Chairman

Scott Barnes

Denny Corn

Janet Kile

Kyle Gardner

Carl Harcourt

Amy Grocox

ATTEST:

Tammy Justice, Auditor