

The Rush County Council met for the regular Rush County Council meeting on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. with County Council Members Charles Smith, Denny Corn, Amy Grocox, Janet Kile, Kyle Gardner, and Scott Barnes. Carl Harcourt was absent. Auditor, Tammy Justice was in attendance. County Attorney was absent.

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

Minutes of the June 9, 2021 Regular Session meeting were reviewed. Denny Corn made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Amy Grocox seconded. All in favored. Motion carried.

Minutes of the June 11, 2021, Joint Executive Session were reviewed. Janet Kile made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Kyle Gardner seconded. All in favored. Motion carried.

### **PROSECUTOR**

- Prosecutor, Phil Caviness discussed the Prosecutor Stop Grant. The total grant is \$71,294.04. The Grant is for \$53,469.12 and the county match is \$17,824.92. The match will come out of Fund 2503 and the remaining balance is \$3,529.48. The remaining \$14,295.44 will come out of Fund 2502 and that currently has a balance of \$51,785.54. Amy Grocox made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for Fund #8118 Prosecutor Stop Grant for \$71,294.04 of which \$59,650.00 is for Deputy Prosecutor, \$4,563.23 is for Social Security, \$6,680.80 is for Perf, and \$400.00 is for Travel. Scott Barnes Seconded. Denny Corn, Amy Grocox, Kyle Gardner, and Scott Barnes were in favored. Janet Kile was not in favor. Motion carried.

### **HIGHWAY**

- Highway Superintendent, Jerry Sitton presented to the council for approval of Community Crossing Grant Application of \$1,407,304.50. This grant is for the replacement bridge 164 and to resurface 25 bridge decks and approaches. Scott Barnes made a motion to approve the grant application. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. All were in favor. Motion carried. Continue discussion was held on the Community Crossing Grant.

## **EMA**

- EMA Director, Chuck Kemker is requesting approval for the IDHS Emergency Management Performance Grant – Salary. This is a Reimbursable grant for his annual salary of \$18,000.00. Kyle Gardner made a motion to approve the Grant Application. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Chuck Kemker also requested approval for the IDHS Emergency Management Performance Grant – Competitive. This is for Emergency Notification System for the Courthouse for \$27,175.00. Denny Corn made motion to approve the Grant Application. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **COURT SERVICES**

- Court Services Director, Ashely Steven requested approval of transfer across series in the RCCC User Fee Fund. Discussion was held on the grant. A total of \$3,000.00 is being transferred from the health insurance account to \$500.00 office supplies account, \$500.00 Dues account, \$2,000.00 Equipment Lease account. Amy Grocox made a motion to approve the Transfer. Seconded by Scott Barnes. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **HEALTH PREPAREDNESS**

- Chuck Kemker requested Transfer of Funds of the Grant funds form 8113 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant. The breakdown is \$2,431.90 from the Travel account to Supplies account and \$1,000.00 from Misc. Service account to Supplies account. Amy Grocox mad a motion to approve the transfer. Seconded by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **COUNCIL**

- Discussion was held for approval on the Resolution #4 Establishing the Policy by Which Members of the County Council May Participate by Electronic Means of Communication. Kyle Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution #4. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **SOLID WASTE**

- Carole Yeend indicated that there is still an interest in Broadband.

## **AUDITOR**

- Auditor, Tammy Justice discussed the interest that will be earned from the ARP money could be put in the county general fund or kept in the ARP Fund. Kyle Gardner made a motion to put the interest from ARP fund to the County General. Seconded by Scott Barnes. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **PROSECUTOR**

- Prosecutor Phil Caviness came back to the council meeting to continue discussion on the Prosecutor's Stop Grant.

## **TREASURER**

- Treasurer, Jodi Harr held discussion over the cash balance continue to grow. We are sending out delinquent taxes. We have certified Tax Sale of 38 properties.

Scott Barnes left the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

## **SHERIFF**

- Sheriff, Allan Rice indicated out of county inmates collection year to date is \$102,000.00. Sheriff Rice held discussion on salaries and we need to be more competitive.
- Sheriff Rice would like for the council to consider a onetime bonus to all the essential employees through the ARP Funding.
- Sheriff also indicated they are close to having the water softener in

## **COUNCIL**

- Dates to remember are August 25, 2021 will be a regular meeting and September 29 will be a Budget 2022 Public Hearing and October 13 & 14 will be the Budget 2022 adoption hearing.

Denny Corn made the motion to adjourn. Amy Grocox seconded. Motion carried.

/Charles Smith/  
Charles Smith, Chairman

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ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/  
Tammy Justice, Auditor

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