

The Rush County Council met for the regular Rush County Council meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. with County Council Members Charles Smith, Denny Corn, Amy Grocox, Janet Kile, Kyle Gardner, Scott Barnes and Carl Harcourt. Auditor, Tammy Justice and County Attorney, Leigh Morning were in attendance. Commissioner Mark Bacon and Commissioner Ron Jarman were in attendance.

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

Minutes of the April 14, 2021 regular meeting were reviewed. Denny Corn made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Carl Harcourt seconded. All in favored. Motion carried.

Discussion was held for additional appropriation for \$3,635.00 accident reconstruction GPS equipment. This was not budgeted for year 2021. Amy Grocox made motion to approve Additional Appropriation \$3,635.00 in Fund #4909 Law Enforcement Forfeiture. Seconded by Denny Corn. All in Favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

- Highway Superintendent, Jerry Sitton asked permission to advertise for Additional Appropriation on the Restricted Fund #1173 for \$400,000.00 for summer construction. Discussion was held. Janet Kile made motion to approve to advertise for Additional Appropriation on the Restricted Fund #1173 for \$400,000.00. Amy Grocox seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Courthouse Bonding

- Rich Hall, Barnes & Thornburg was present on zoom/audio to discuss the proposed Ordinance for the Bonds for the Courthouse Roof and outside Courthouse. Discussion was held on Last Meeting motion and the Ordinance that was presented. Amy Grocox made a motion to bond \$4,500,000.00 with no more than 4%. Seconded by Denny Corn. Amy Grocox, Denny Corn, and Carl Harcourt were in favor. Kyle Gardner, Janet Kile, and Scott Barnes were not in favor. It was 3 to 3, Chairman Charles Smith was not in favor. Motion fails. Scott Barnes made motion to approve as written today the Ordinance of the County Council of the Rush County, Indiana Authorizing Issuance of Bonds for the Purpose of Providing Funds to be Applied to Pay for Construction and Equipping of Improvements to the County Courthouse, Including Incidental Expenses in Connection therewith and on Account of the

Issuance of the Bonds. Seconded by Janet Kile. Denny Corn, Janet Kile, Kyle Gardner, Scott Barnes and Carl Harcourt were in favor. Amy Grocox was not in favor. Motion Carried. Continue discussion on motion for clarity. Scott Barnes made a motion to consider for Final Reading of the Ordinance today. Janet Kile Seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried. Carl Harcourt made a motion to approve to adopt this ordinance on Final Reading today. Kyle Gardner seconded. Denny Corn, Janet Kile, Kyle Gardner, Scott Barnes and Carl Harcourt were in favor. Amy Grocox was not in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Mark Bacon roll call for the Commissioners. Ron Jarman and Mark Bacon present.

EMA

- Chuck Kemker is putting in for a state grant for life safety up to 4,000.00 there is no match. Janet Kile made a motion to approve to sign the state grant. Kyle Gardner seconded. All in were in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer

- Treasurer, Jodi Harr discussed tax collections. Discussion on 2022 Budgets on raises. Most nonexempt employees have not have a raise in 4 years. Most office holders have had raise. Discussion was held on Income Loss.

H.R.

- H.R. Director, Tony Personett indicated that the Health Insurance Committee met and we have decided to keep things the same.

EXTENSION

Mark Bacon indicated the last regular Commissioner meeting the extension office presented a position to replace Will Schakel. It will require extra salary than what was budgeted for this year. Carly Holland and Molly Hunt, East Central Indiana Director for Purdue were present and expanded on the information that the commissioner had presented. The position can help with the leading of the Arp Funding. Much more can be done with community development in Rush County. Continue discussion was held on the new position. Scott Barnes made a motion to use \$5,720 out of the Commissioner's Budget and to pay the remaining amount of 26,890.00 out of the part time-educator line subject to the Commissioner's signing the Contractual Services Agreement with Purdue. Carl Harcourt Seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman, Charlie Smith recess the council meeting for five minutes.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff, Allan Rice discussed the Jail Inspection Report. During the inspection concerns with the number of staff needs to be address for the amount of space we have. An internal inspection was given for the boiler and discovered is not been updated. The Sheriff's department has taken steps to get the boiler inspected. Sheriff Rice gave an update on Dispatch/communication call log year to date. Sheriff Allan Rice also indicated with the ARP funding to purchase a couple of items. The first one to buy a body scanner. It will help keep distance for covid and other contagions. The scanner should pick up if the subject has anything in their stomach or any others areas. Continue discussion was held. Sheriff, Allan Rice indicated other items they are looking at are killing the bacteria and disinfecting the jail and cells. UB for the vehicle to clean the vehicle and also a small chamber to clean small items like gun phone, keys was also discussed. Working with Arp funding will benefit the Sheriff's Department.

COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Ron Jarman discussed Central Dispatch for the Rushville City and Rush County. Ron Jarman stated they would need to have a board and the board should consist of Commissioner, Council member, City Council member, Sheriff, Police Chief, Mayor, Fire Chief, Chief of Fire Association for Rush County. Eight of the board members would vote on a 9th person for the board. Continue discussion was held.

COUNCIL

- Kyle Gardner gave update on the Solar.
- Discussion was held on meeting electronically.

COMMISSIONERS

- Ron Jarman gave an update on the status of Building

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

/Charles Smith /
Charles Smith, Chairman

/ABSENT/
Scott Barnes

/Denny Corn/
Denny Corn

/Janet Kile/
Janet Kile

/Kyle Gardner/
Kyle Gardner

/Carl Harcourt/
Carl Harcourt

/Amy Grocox/
Amy Grocox

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice
Tammy Justice, Auditor