

REGULAR MEETING RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL September 29, 2021

The Rush County Council met for the regular Rush County Council meeting on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. with County Council Members Charles Smith, Denny Corn, Amy Grocox, Janet Kile, Kyle Gardner, Carl Harcourt, and Scott Barnes present. Auditor, Tammy Justice and County Attorney, Leigh Morning was in attendance.

The meeting was properly advertised with notice given to the media.

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

Minutes of the September 15, 2021 Regular Session meeting were reviewed. Janet Kile made the motion to approve the minutes. Amy Grocox seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING RUSH COUNTY BUDGET 2022

- At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Smith called to order the Public Hearing for the Rush County 2022 budget. Hearing no comments from the public, Carl Harcourt made the motion to close the public hearing. Denny Corn seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING RUSH COUNTY SOLID WASTE 2022

- Chairman Smith called to order the Public Hearing for the Rush County Solid Waste District 2022 budget. Hearing no comments from the public Kyle Gardner made the motion to close the public hearing. Amy Grocox seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Roll Call for Commissioners. Paul Wilkinson and Ron Jarman present.

Health Department

- Sherry McKinney requested to Transfer funds from Account #1168.30024.000.0000, Vehicle Maintenance to Account #1168.40012.000.0000 Miscellaneous Equipment in the amount of 578.00.

The purpose of the transfer is to purchase Win Records Program for the Health Department. Denny Corn made the motion to allow the Transfer. Scott Barnes seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE BONDS

- County Attorney Leigh Moring presented the council with the Resolution No. 5 Appropriation Resolution of the County Council of Rush County, Indiana. Discussion was held. Janet Kile made the motion to approve the Resolution No 5 Appropriation Resolution of the County Council of Rush County, Indiana. Carl Harcourt seconded. Janet Kile, Carl Harcourt, Kyle Gardner, Scott Barnes, and Denny Corn were in favor. Amy Grocox was not in favor. Motion Carried. Janet Kile made a motion to suspend the rules Kyle Gardner seconded. Janet Kile, Kyle Gardner, Denny Corn and Carl Harcourt were in favor. Amy Grocox and Scott Barnes were not in favor. Motion carried. The ordinance was read a second time. After the second reading of the ordinance, Denny Corn made the motion to adopt the Resolution No 5 Appropriation Resolution of the County Council of Rush County, Indiana. Janet Kile seconded. Denny Corn, Janet Kile, Kyle Gardner, Scott Barnes, and Carl Harcourt were in favor. Amy Grocox was not in favor. Motion carried.

POSEY TOWNSHIP BUDGET 2022

- Due to the Posey Township Advisory Board having Posey Township volunteer firefighters on their board, I.C. 36-1-23-2 states the fiscal body of Rush County must review and adopt their budget. After reviewing the proposed budget, Amy Grocox made the motion to approve Ordinance 2021-5 adopting the 2022 budget for Posey Township. Denny Corn seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

2022 BUDGET DISCUSSION

- Dr. Daughtery was present to discuss the Health Budget.
- Judge Northam was present to discuss the Circuit Court budget. Judge Northam indicated the reason for salary increase is due to being competitive. Also there was an increase in the supplies and Judge felt that was adequate.
- Treasurer, Jodi Harr was present to discuss the Treasurer budget. Harr indicated that Randy Herbert had ordered her a lap top this year. Harr indicated that council can remove the Lap Top from the 2022 budget.

- Auditor, Tammy Justice was present to discuss the Auditor's budget. Justice increased supplies, travel, training, furniture, and part time. Discussion was held on part time pay for the courthouse. Amy Grocox made a motion to approve the part time pay increase up to \$15.00 per hour with discretion of the office holders or managers to set the rate of pay effective January 1, 2022. Denny Corn seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried. Continue discussion. Council instructed Auditor to send an email to the office holder and managers about the increase in part time pay up to \$15.00 per hour for the Courthouse part time employees. The office holder and managers will determine the hourly rate of your part time employees and determine the number of hours their budget can support based on the hourly rate. There will not be any additional appropriation allowed in 2022 for part time wages.
- Brenda McMahan was present to discuss the Coroner budget.
- Carly Holland was present to discuss the Extension Department.
- Sheriff, Allan Rice was present to discuss the Sheriff and Jail Budget
- Commissioners Ron Jarman and Paul Wilkinson were present to discuss the Commissioner's Budgets.

COMMISSIONERS

- Ron Jarman gave an update on the Building and Paul Wilkinson gave an update on the Courthouse Roof.

ECDC

- John McCane gave an update on the Bellflower Solar project.

Jodi Harr updated the council on ARP Funds.

COUNCIL

- Discussion on Circuit Court request for 2022 budget salaries. Amy Grocox made motion to change the published salary amounts for all employees including the Circuit Court to reflect a 5% increase from 2021 budget. Kyle Gardner seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held on the maintenance position and the Animal Control amount in the commissioner's budget.
- Discussion was held on Extension Administrator Assistant salary of 28,792.40 for 2022 budget.
- Discussion was held on GIS and IT salaries.

Carl Harcourt made the motion to adjourn. Amy Grocox 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

/Amy Grocox/
Amy Grocox

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor