

REGULAR MEETING RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL January 12, 2022

The Rush County Council met for the regular Rush County Council meeting on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. with County Council Members Scott Barnes, Denny Corn, Amy Grocox, Janet Kile, and Kyle Gardner, Charles Smith and Carl Harcourt were present on Virtual Zoom. Auditor, Tammy Justice and County Attorney Leigh Morning were also present.

Vice Chairman Scott Barnes called the Regular Session to order at 9:00 a.m.

Denny Corn made the motion for Charles Smith to be the Chairman for 2022. Scott Barnes second. Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, Janet Kile, Aye, Kyle Gardner, Aye and Scott Barnes, Aye. On Virtual Zoom Carl Harcourt, Aye. On Virtual Zoom Charlie Smith abstained. Motion carried.

Amy Grocox made the motion for Scott Barnes to be the Vice Chairman. Denny Corn second. Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, Janet Kile, Aye, and Kyle Gardner, Aye. On Virtual Zoom Carl Harcourt, Aye and Charlie Smith, Aye. Scott Barnes abstained. Motion carried.

Minutes of the December 8, 2021 Regular Session meeting were reviewed. Kyle Gardner made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Amy Grocox seconded. Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, Janet Kile, Aye, and Kyle Gardner, Aye. On Virtual Zoom Carl Harcourt, Aye and Charlie Smith, Aye. Scott Barnes did not vote because he was not present at December 8, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

2022 SALARY ORDINANCE

- Carl Harcourt made a motion to approve the 2022 Salary Ordinance. Seconded by Denny Corn. Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, Janet Kile, Aye, Kyle Gardner, Aye and Scott Barnes, Aye. On Virtual Zoom Carl Harcourt, Aye and Charlie Smith, Aye. Motion carried.

AMENDED 2022 SALARY ORDINANCE

- Discussion was held on the Amended 2022 Salary Ordinance. According to HR Director, Tony Personett the total amount for the LIT and County General Jail Budgets did not change however the Sheriff will have to transfer from line items to accommodate the changes. The Sheriff moved some employees from LIT to County General Jail Budget. Personett indicated that Security Officer Daugherty was added as a new hire in County General Jail Budget. CO Kramer no longer has rank pay. CO McMillian is now a Corporal with rank pay. CO Storey now has a rank pay. CO McKeown is a new hire. CO Ashley Moore was a Security officer and is now a Correctional Officer with an increase in pay. CO Henderson moved to the County General Jail Budget from the LIT Budget.
- Personett also indicated CO Day is a new Hire in LIT. CO Proffitt moved to LIT from County General Jail Budget. CO Brown moved to LIT from

County General Jail Budget. CO SGT McMahan moved to LIT from County General Jail Budget with rank pay.

- Personett also indicated that on December 13, 2021 Casey Brown was promoted to Chief Dispatcher and LeeAnn Lacy was promoted to Sergeant Dispatcher. Brown's hourly rate from December 13, 2022 through December 31, 2021 is \$20.26 per hour and for 2022 Salary Ordinance her hourly wage is \$23.15. Lacy's hourly rate from December 13, 2021 through December 31, 2021 is \$18.62 and for 2022 Salary Ordinance her hourly wage per hour is \$21.51. Sheriff Allan Rice discussed the changes in detail. Denny Corn made a motion to approve the 2022 Amended Salary Ordinance. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, Janet Kile, Aye, and Kyle Gardner, Aye. On Virtual Zoom Carl Harcourt, Aye and Charlie Smith, Aye. Motion carried.

CORONER

- Coroner Brenda McMahan discussed a Transfer from Council Use Only to Professional Services to help pay for a CT scan. The Coroner did 6 Autopsies in 2021. There was an end of year Officer involved shooting. The coroner was requested to do a CT x-ray. Rush Memorial performed the x-ray and the invoice totaling \$7,008.35. The coroner has \$1,652.78 left in the coroner's budget and needs \$5,355.57 to pay for the rest of the invoice. Amy Grocox made a motion to approve transfer from Council Use Only 1000.40052.000.0068 to Professional Services 1000.300186.000.0068 in the amount of \$5,355.57. Seconded by Janet Kile. Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, Janet Kile, Aye, and Kyle Gardner, Aye. On Virtual Zoom Carl Harcourt, Aye and Charlie Smith, Aye. Motion carried.

SUPERIOR COURT TRANSFER

- Denny Corn made a motion to approve transfer from Furniture/Equip 1000.40003.000.0201 to Dues 1000.30070.000.0201 in amount of \$200.00. Seconded by Amy Grocox. Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, Janet Kile, Aye, and Kyle Gardner, Aye. On Virtual Zoom Carl Harcourt, Aye and Charlie Smith, Aye. Motion carried.

HEALTH GRANT

- Auditor needs permission to advertise for a grant CFDA #93.323 for Professional services 8906.30186.000.0000 of \$100,000.00. This grant is a pass through and will go to Rush Memorial Hospital for Covid-19 testing. Amy Grocox made a motion to advertise the grant. Seconded by Charlie Smith. Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, Janet Kile, Aye, and Kyle Gardner, Aye. On Virtual Zoom Carl Harcourt, Aye and Charlie Smith, Aye. Motion carried.

ARPA FUND #8950

- Auditor needs permission to advertise for ARPA Fund 8950 Grant for Loss Revenue Highway 8950.30214.000.0000 in the amount of \$90,000.00, Loss Revenue County General 8950.30213.00.0000 in the amount of \$90,000.00, Non for Profit 8950.30215.000.0000 in the amount of \$94,392.00, Professional Services in the amount of \$1,785.00. Discussion was held. Amy Grocox made a motion to advertise. Seconded by Denny Corn. Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, Janet

Kile, Aye, and Kyle Gardner, Aye. On Virtual Zoom Carl Harcourt, Aye and Charlie Smith, Aye. Motion carried.

SOLAR ROAD REPAIR FUND

- County Attorney, Leigh Morning presented the council an Ordinance to Establish Fund 4942 Road Repair for Solar Road Repair Fund. The Bellflower Solar were required to give the county \$50,000.00 for emergency repairs. The County needs to establish the fund for the \$50,000.00. We will need to give the money back if we do not spend it by end of the project. This is just for emergency. Kyle Gardner made a motion to approve and sign An Ordinance Creating the Solar Road Repair Fund. Seconded by Amy Grocox. Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, Janet Kile, Aye, and Kyle Gardner, Aye. On Virtual Zoom Carl Harcourt, Aye and Charlie Smith, Aye. Motion carried.

EASEMENT ON STATE ROAD 44

- County Attorney, Leigh Morning presented for approval a Resolution of the County Council of Rush County, Indiana Approving the Granting of a Deed and Easement to the State of Indiana. This is for the easement for improvements at the intersection of State Road 44 and State Road 3 going east on State Road 44 East. The compensation to the county is \$1,000.00. The Commissioners have approved it. Charlie Smith made a motion to approve and sign the Resolution. Seconded by Denny Corn. Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, Janet Kile, Aye, and Kyle Gardner, Aye. On Virtual Zoom Carl Harcourt, Aye and Charlie Smith, Aye. Motion carried.

ENCUMBRANCE

- Auditor presented the council the encumbrances in the amount of \$1,419,395.47. Discussion was held. Auditor will send a listing to the Council of all the encumbrances. Denny Corn made a motion to approve the encumbrance of \$1,419,395.47. Seconded by Amy Grocox. Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, Janet Kile, Aye, and Kyle Gardner, Aye. On Virtual Zoom Carl Harcourt, Aye and Charlie Smith, Aye. Motion carried.

CUM CAP

- The Auditor is seeking permission to advertise for Cum Cap Rate. This has to be advertise and approve every year. Kyle Gardner made a motion to advertise for Cum Cap Rate. Seconded by Janet Kile. Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, Janet Kile, Aye, and Kyle Gardner, Aye. On Virtual Zoom Carl Harcourt, Aye and Charlie Smith, Aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on changing the Regular Council Meeting from February 9, 2022 to February 3, 2022. Seconded by Denny Corn. Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, Janet Kile, Aye, and Kyle Gardner, Aye. On Virtual Zoom Carl Harcourt, Aye and Charlie Smith, Aye. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Paul Wilkinson indicated that a CEDS survey had been sent out. It is mainly for regional Comprehensive Plan to qualify for grants.

- On broadband we are in need of assistance for providing legal services for securing grants and private partnerships for rural broadband.

HR

- HR, Director Tony Personett indicated there will be a health fair on March 16, 2022 at the Courthouse from 7:00-10:30 a.m.
- Personett gave an update on covid testing.

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

/Charles Smith/
Charles Smith, Chairman

/Scott Barnes/
Scott Barnes

/Denny Corn/
Denny Corn

absent
Janet Kile

/Kyle Gardner/
Kyle Gardner

/Carl Harcourt/
Carl Harcourt

/Amy Grocox/
Amy Grocox

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor