

REGULAR MEETING RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL March 9, 2022

The Rush County Council met for the regular Rush County Council meeting on Wednesday March 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. with County Council Members, Scott Barnes, Denny Corn, Amy Grocox, Janet Kile, Carl Harcourt, and Kyle Gardner. Charlie Smith was 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.

Minutes of the February 7, 2022 Regular Session meeting were reviewed. Amy Grocox made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Denny Corn. Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, Kyle Gardner, Aye and Carl Harcourt, Aye. On Virtual Zoom Charlie Smith, Aye. Janet Kile abstained. Motion carried.

HEALTH DEPT. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

- Auditor, Tammy Justice presented an Additional Appropriation for Fund #4801 Courthouse Roof Bond Proceeds in the amount of \$2,868,572.86. Charlie Smith made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation. Seconded by Janet Kile. Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, Janet Kile, Aye, Kyle Gardner, Aye, and Carl Harcourt, Aye. On Virtual Zoom Charlie Smith, Aye. Motion carried.

RAINY DAY

- Auditor, Tammy Justice presented Transfer of Funds in the Fund #1186 Rainy Day from Council Use Only to Professional services in the amount of \$11,176.87. This is for the drain study pre-disaster mitigation grant match that was originally approved in 2019. Denny Corn made the motion to approve. Seconded by Amy Grocox. Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, Janet Kile, Aye, Kyle Gardner, Aye, and Carl Harcourt, Aye. On Virtual Zoom Charlie Smith, Aye. Motion carried

SALARY ORDINANCE

- Auditor, Tammy Justice, presented an amended Salary Ordinance. Laura Holt salary in the Stop grant was reduced to \$1,548.60 per pay and the legal assistant in the Prosecutor change hourly rate up to \$18.61. Denny Corn approved. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, Janet Kile, Aye, Kyle Gardner, Aye, and Carl Harcourt, Aye. On Virtual Zoom Charlie Smith, Aye. Motion carried.

Roll call for the Commissioners, Ron Jarman and Paul Wilkinson, at 9:05 a.m.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Chuck Kemker requested approval for Public Health Preparedness & Response grant application in the amount of \$25,000.00. The grant pays for a preparedness part-time staff member and expenses for the needs of health preparedness. Amy Grocox made the motion to approve the application. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, Janet Kile, Aye, Kyle Gardner, Aye, and Carl Harcourt, Aye. On Virtual Zoom Charlie Smith, Aye. Motion carried.
- Julia Apple requested approval for a School Co Ag grant application in the amount of \$110,000.00. This is a 2 year grant to help aid LHD in COVID response specifically to go to the schools. Amy Grocox made the motion to approve the application. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, Janet Kile, Aye, Kyle Gardner, Aye, and Carl Harcourt, Aye. On Virtual Zoom Charlie Smith, Aye. Motion carried.
- Julia Apple requested approval for a Covid Immunization grant application in the amount of \$34,383.43. This is a state grant for holding vaccine clinics. Carl Harcourt made a motion to approve. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, Janet Kile, Aye, Kyle Gardner, Aye, and Carl Harcourt, Aye. On Virtual Zoom Charlie Smith, Aye. Motion carried.
- Julia Apple requested approval for a Vaccine grant application in the amount of \$5,033.28. This is a state grant for holding vaccine clinics. Denny Corn made the motion to approve the grant application. Seconded by Charlie Smith. Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, Janet Kile, Aye, Kyle Gardner, Aye, and Carl Harcourt, Aye. On Virtual Zoom Charlie Smith, Aye. Motion carried.

ARPA

- The Council took under advisement an approval for non for profit Rush County Agricultural Association in the amount of \$50,000.00 at their February 7, 2022 meeting. Discussion was held. Amy Grocox made a motion to approve. Seconded by Denny Corn. Roll Call was given by Scott Barnes. Denny Corn, Aye, Amy Grocox, Aye, Janet Kile, Aye, Kyle Gardner, abstain, and Carl Harcourt, Aye. On Virtual Zoom Charlie Smith, abstain. Motion carried.
- Amy Grocox indicated that a second round of non for profit applications will be accepted until April 11, 2022.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice indicated that there are 70 inmates and they have collected \$18,225.00 for housing out of county inmates.
- Sheriff Rice also indicated that he had put in an order for the 2022 vehicles to Fletcher Chrysler. Chrysler has canceled the order. Sheriff Rice will be reach out to other vendors.
- Sheriff Rice held discussion for additional appropriation for K-9 in the amount of \$2,869.78. The Council approved for the additional appropriation in December, 2022. Discussion was held.

BROADBAND

- Paul Wilkinson indicated that the broadband committee met two times with their legal advisors, Bose, McKinney and Evans. The recommendation is to continue to seek partners in the broadband in Rush County and include partners in the industry in the surrounding communities. Discussion was held. Wilkinson continued the discussion for a commitment from Rush County on funding Broadband with ARPA funds. Discussion held.

Courthouse Roof

- Commissioner Paul Wilkinson indicated the commissioners had their first meeting with the roof contactor and architect. It could possibly take four to five months to deliver material. There is a structure around the outside of the courthouse to protect the walkways and keep things safe.

MISCALLEOUS

- Carol Yeend indicated on April 30 there will be Rush TEK Fest at the Boys and Girls Club on April 30, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman gave an update on the storage building.
- Commissioner Jarman gave an update on the READI Grant.
- Commissioner Jarman gave an update on the Extension Purdue position update.

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