

## **JOINT SESSION MEETING RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL AND RUSH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS May 11, 2022**

The Rush County Council and the Rush County Board of Commissioners met in a joint session Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson, and Ron Jarman. County Council Members in attendance were Charles Smith, Denny Corn, Amy Grocox, Janet Kile, Kyle Gardner, Carl Harcourt, and Scott Barnes. Auditor, Tammy Justice and County Attorney Leigh Morning were in attendance. Greg Guerrettaz from Financial Solution Group to discuss Budget Projections for the next five years for the county.

Chairman Charlie Smith called the Regular Session to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes of the April 13, 2022, Regular Session meeting were reviewed. Charlie Smith indicated that under Auditor it stated, "Seconded by Denny Cord" and the correct name is Denny Corn. Amy Grocox made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **SURVEYOR**

- Surveyor Marvin Reese discussed the Car Stanley Loan that was approved in 2020.

### **HIGHWAY**

- Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested approval for Additional Appropriation for the Community Crossing Grant in the amount of \$277,069.38. That will cover the 25 bridges the Highway is currently working on. Denny Corn made a motion to approve. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sitton requested approval for a Community Crossing Grant 2022-2 Grant Application in the amount of \$462,140.00 with a match of \$154,047.00. This is for Bridge 17 replacement on Rushville Road north of 750 North. Amy Grocox made an approved. Seconded by Scott Barnes. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sitton also discussed leasing six new trucks in the 2023 budget.

### **HEALTH**

- Auditor Tammy Justice indicated that the Health Department is requesting approval for a Narcan Grant Application. This is an in kind grant and it is for 200 doses of Narcan. Denny Corn made a motion to approve. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **Salary Ordinance**

- Auditor requested approval for Amended Salary Ordinance. This is for a Deputy Auditor COMOT III Classification hourly rate up to \$18.90. Carl Harcourt made a motion to approve. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **COPY USB DRIVE AND MISCELLANEOUS FEES**

- County Attorney Leigh Morning discussed Copy USB Drive Fee. Discussion was held on the charge of \$15.00 per USB, per use. Amy Grocox made a motion to approve the Amended County Council Ordinance 1999-2. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **ECDC**

- ECDC Director John McCane introduced Leslie Payne as the Workforce Development Assistant. She discussed some items she will be working on in the future.

## **HOOSIER SOLAR**

- Mason Gordon from HWC Engineering is on contract with Hoosier Solar. They are reviewing the Lightsource BP documents and preparing the process to engage with the county.

## **COMMISSIONERS**

- Commissioner Ron Jarman gave an update on the storage building. The Commissioners voted on Tree City Metals in the amount of \$225,000.00.
- Commissioner Mark Bacon gave an update on the roof project. Arsee will be working on the Jail's roof for the leaking problems.

## **SHERIFF**

- Sheriff Allan Rice indicated they are still having water issues in the Jail and they have replaced the pump.
- Sheriff indicated they will house 15 out of county inmates from Hancock until June 10, 2022.
- Sheriff gave an update on the hiring process for the road deputy.

## **SOLID WASTE**

- Solid Waste Director, Carole Yeend will be retiring as of July 1, 2022.
- Yeend held discussion on a Transfer Station stating it would be a great service to community.

## **FINANCIAL SOLUTION GROUP**

- Greg Guerrettaz from Financial Solution Group was present to discuss some of the Budget Projections for the next five years with the commissioners and council.
- Discussion was held on hiring and the increase in wages.
- Guerrettaz suggested that the Auditor send to the council a Budget to Actual per month or quarter.
- Discussion was held on the Sheriff creating a matrix of salaries.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman and Kyle Garder will work on a Comprehensive Plan.

Paul Wilkinson made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Denny Corn made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. All were in favor. Motion carried.

/Charles Smith/  
Charles Smith, Chairman

/Scott Barnes/  
Scott Barnes

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/Janet Kile/  
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/Kyle Gardner/  
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/Carl Harcourt/  
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/Amy Grocox/  
Amy Grocox

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/  
Tammy Justice, Auditor

/Mark Bacon/  
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Paul Wilkinson/  
Paul Wilkinson

/Ron Jarman/  
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