

REGULAR MEETING RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL July 13, 2022

The Rush County Council met for the regular Rush County Council meeting on Wednesday July 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. with County Council Members, Charlie Smith, Scott Barnes, Denny Corn, Amy Grocox, Janet Kile, Carl Harcourt, and Kyle Gardner present. Auditor, Tammy Justice was present as well. County Attorney Leigh Morning was absent.

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

Minutes of the Joint Session with the County Commissioners on June 8, 2022 were presented. Denny Corn made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

- Dannon Todd is requesting to transfer \$225.00 from 1000.20010.000.0012 Supplies to 1000.30002.000.0012 Travel. Carl Harcourt moved to approve the transfer. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.

IT

- Randy Herbert discussed a double payment to vendor Gary King. Randy Herbert stated the second payment was returned and receipted back into County General. Randy Herbert is requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$15,400.00 from County General to his IT budget. Janet Kile made the motion to advertise for the additional appropriation. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Dr. Daugherty advised the Council that Kim Roe will be the County's new Environmentalist/Office Manager in the Health Department. She is slated to begin on Wednesday, July 20, 2022. Dr. Daugherty is also

requesting the salary stay the same for this position at \$52,500.00. Discussion was held.

ARPA

- Approval of the additional appropriation that was advertised in the amount of \$2,929,337.92 is being requested. Amy Grocox made the motion to approve the additional appropriation. Seconded by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS

- Ron Jarman indicated there was another water main break behind the jail on Water Street. Discussion with the City to replace the main will be held.
- Jarman updated the Council on the change order for the Courthouse Tower that the Commissioners have approved.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Rice advised that Josh Brinson has been promoted to Chief Deputy as of July 9, 2022. Doug Keith will be promoted to the Detective position that was vacated by Brinson effective July 23, 2022. Sheriff Rice is asking for approval to move funds around within professional services for these promotions. Amy Grocox made the motion to approve the transfers. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Rice also discussed the water main break behind the jail on Water Street. He indicated that the jail is still on a boil water advisory, which means bottle water has to be given to the inmates on an hourly basis. It was brought up that the boil water advisory has been cancelled, but the jail staff has not been made aware of the cancellation.
- Sheriff Rice indicated the Duke bill for the jail which is normally around \$7,300.00 increased this month to \$12,000.00.
- Sheriff Rice also indicated the water bill for the jail increased by \$200.00 this month. Sheriff Rice indicated he is going to reach out to the City Utilities to see if he can negotiate a break in the billing due to the water main breaks and having to fill the building back up twice.

- Sheriff Rice stated Gordon Food Services is predicting an increase of 8 to 12 percent on food costs.
- Also discussed was the cost of fuel to fill the patrol cars. Charlie Smith inquired as to if the sales tax was removed. Sheriff Rice indicated it was not. Sheriff Rice was advised to inquire on why the sales tax on fuel is not being removed.

MISC

- John McCane updated the Council on Diamond Pet Food ground breaking within the next several weeks.
- The County Council Regular Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2022 is being cancelled.
- Charlie Smith reminded the other members of the Budget hearings set for October 12th and 13th.
- Kyle Gardner discussed setting up a County Facebook page.

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

/Charles Smith/
Charles Smith, Chairman

/Scott Barnes/
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ATTEST:
/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor