

## **REGULAR MEETING RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL August 10, 2022**

The Rush County Council met for the regular Rush County Council meeting on Wednesday August 10, 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 also present.

Roll call was called for the County Commissioners. Present were Mark Bacon and Ron Jarman. Paul Wilkinson was not present.

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

Minutes of the of the July 13, 2022 were presented. Amy Grocox made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **IT**

- Randy Herbert requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$15,400.00 from an overpayment to Net Noggin that was previously refunded to county general. Kyle Gardner made the motion to approve the additional appropriation. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **EMA**

- Director Chuck Kemker requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,800.00 for the Duke Foundation Grant which is considered a State Advanced Grant. Motion to approve the additional appropriation was made by Denny Corn. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **2022 SALARY ORDINANCE**

- Amended Salary Ordinance was presented. Chief Deputy Brinson's hourly rate is now \$27.23 effective July 9, 2022. Detective Doug Keith's hourly rate is now \$26.15 effective July 23, 2022. New deputy Bobby Peck's hourly rate is set at \$23.70 effective June 6, 2022. Amy Grocox made the motion to approve the amended salary ordinance. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

- Auditor Tammy Justice asked permission to advertise for a Pass Through Grant from Workforce Development Grant Fund #8124 CFDA #93.354. This grant will be for the Rush County Schools in the amount of \$110,000.00. Janet Kile made the motion to advertise for the Pass Through Grant. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **SHERIFF**

- Jonna McIntire-Johnson was present for Sheriff Allan Rice. Sheriff is requesting a transfer of \$50,000.00 from Vehicles to Maintenance. Denny Corn made the motion to approve the transfer. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **AUDITOR**

- Auditor Tammy Justice is needing a recommendation from the Council for the Calculation of Estimated Maximum Levy Report for Budget Year 2023 and the 2023 Estimated Property Tax Cap Impact Report. Discussion was held. Amy Grocox made a motion that the Council has no recommendation for the Calculation of Estimated Maximum Levy Report for the Budget Year 2023 and 2023 Estimated Property Tax Cap Impact Report. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **FSG**

- Greg Guerrettaz with FSG presented the Sustainability/Revenue and Spending Plan for the budget process. He went over each individual budget and discussion was held. At the end of the discussion, Councilman Scott Barnes requested a synopsis of the discussion and recommendations be provided by FSG.
- Commissioners are asking for \$500,000.00 starting in 2024 over the next two (2) years for broadband. This along with the ARPA funds would get the County to the two million dollar mark for the grant.
- Was discussed that the County needs a spending plan for the solar income. Could possibly use the revenue from the solar project to help pay for the broadband.
- Suggested changes to the budget by FSG include: In the Commissioner budget, reduce Council Use #40052 line from \$388,675.00 to \$100,000.00. Reduce Health Insurance #30052 line from \$1,710,494.00 to \$1,300,000.00. Remove Tasers #20027 line in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Sheriff budget and put \$25,000.00 into Cum Cap Development and \$25,000.00 into LIT. Remove \$55,000.00 #31306 Technology and Software line out of Auditor's budget and put into Cum Cap Development. Reduce LIT #40031 Capital Outlays from \$500,000.00 to \$200,000.00. Reduce Cum Cap Development #30020 Repairs and Maintenance from \$300,000.00 to \$150,000.00. Remove from Commissioners budget #10231 Vacation Buy-out \$10,000. Increase Reassessment to \$165,000.00.
- FSG will talk with Jerry Sitton at the Highway regarding his proposed budgets.

**MISC**

- President Charlie Smith discussed the Federal audit fee assessed by the State Board of Accounts is not subsidized like the state fee is. Council to look at establishing a fee schedule ordinance to help offset the federal audit fees for grants. Treasurer Jodi Harr stated that Paul Joyce of SBOA indicated at the annual Treasurer's conference that audit rates will be going up.
- Treasurer Jodi Harr notified the Council that the County is participating in the Community Service Program at RCHS. A student from RCHS will be in the courthouse through the end of the semester to help out any office or department if needed.
- Treasurer Jodi Harr indicated that interest in the Trust Indiana investment accounts are rising.

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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Amy Grocox

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/  
Tammy Justice, Auditor