

## **REGULAR MEETING RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL September 28, 2022**

The Rush County Council met for the regular Rush County Council meeting on Wednesday September 28, 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 and County Attorney Leigh Morning were also present.

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

### **PUBLIC HEARING RUSH COUNTY BUDGET 2023**

- At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Smith called to order the Public Hearing for the Rush County 2023 budget. Hearing no comments from the public, Carl Harcourt made the motion to close the public hearing. Denny Corn seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC HEARING RUSH COUNTY SOLID WASTE 2023**

- Chairman Smith called to order the Public Hearing for the Rush County Solid Waste District 2023 budget. Hearing no comments from the public Janet Kile made the motion to close the public hearing. Amy Grocox seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried

### **POSEY TOWNSHIP BUDGET 2023**

- Due to the Posey Township Advisory Board having Posey Township volunteer firefighters on their board, I.C. 36-1-23-2 states the fiscal body of Rush County must review and adopt their budget. Monty McMahan was present to answer any questions the board may have. After reviewing the proposed budget, Amy Grocox made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-9 adopting the 2023 budget for Posey Township. Carl Harcourt seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Monty McMahan updated the Council on repairs to the Posey Township Volunteer Fire Department building from tornado damage earlier in the summer.

Minutes of the of the August 10, 2022 Regular Session meeting were presented. Amy Grocox made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Scott Barnes. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes of the September 9, 2022 Special Session meeting were presented. Carl Harcourt made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. In favor of approval were Denny Corn, Amy Grocox, Janet Kile, Carl Harcourt, Kyle Gardner and Charlie Smith. Abstaining from the vote was Scott Barnes due to not being present at the September 9, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

## **2022 SALARY ORDINANCE**

- Amended Salary Ordinance was presented. In the Auditor's Office, the wording for the payroll deputy line now states hourly rate is up to \$18.90. Correction Officer Storey's hourly rate is now \$18.43. Communication Dispatcher Taylor's hourly rate is now \$18.43. Sheriff Deputy Cable's hourly rate is now \$23.70. Scott Barnes made the motion to approve the amended salary ordinance. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **AUDITOR**

- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Council with a couple of grant proposals for EMA Director Chuck Kemker, who could not be present. The first is the 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Salary. In the amount of \$21,645.00. The purpose of this grant is for salary reimbursement for the EMA Director. Kyle Gardner made the motion to approve signing the grant proposal. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Council with the 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Competitive in the amount of \$20,000.00 maximum. The purpose of this grant is partial EMA director salary reimbursement and to update the monitors and computers in the EOC. Denny Corn made the motion to approve signing the grant proposal. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice is requesting a transfer for EMA Director Chuck Kemker in the 8113 Health Preparedness Fund. Would like to transfer \$202.00 from 8113.30002.000.0000 Travel and \$172.00 from 8113.30005.000.0000 Misc and put it into 8113.20010.000.0000 Supplies. Amy Grocox made the motion to approve the transfer. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice is requesting approval for the additional appropriation for the Workforce Development CoAg grant in the amount of \$110,000.00. EMA Director Chuck Kemker asked approval to advertise for this grant last month, it is a pass-through grant that goes to the Rush County Schools. Amy Grocox made the motion to approve the additional appropriation. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **SURVEYOR**

- Surveyor Marvin Rees presented the Council with the 2022 BRIC Hazard Mitigation Grant proposal in the amount of \$1,406,000.00. The purpose of this grant is a pre-application to the state to see if we qualify for submitting a full FEMA application. The funds from this grant will be used to clean Hodges Branch from the river to unnamed drain that ends south of 7<sup>th</sup> street and the railroad tracks. It is a 75/25 match and the City of Rushville is willing to split the County's part of the match, making the County's portion

\$175,750.00. Denny Corn made the motion to approve signing the grant proposal. Seconded by Janet Kile. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

- Dixie Meyer updated the Council on staff and position changes within the Health Department.
- Dixie Meyer advised the Council that the Health Department will not become accredited with PHAB.
- Dixie Meyer presented the Council with a grant proposal for the Indiana Local Health Department Workforce Assessment. The purpose of the grant is for IDOH and Fairbanks School of Public Health to collect data for the workforce assessment of local health departments. Once RCHD completes the assessment a \$1,000.00 grant will be awarded. Amy Grocox made the motion to approve signing the grant proposal. Seconded by Scott Barnes. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **EXTENSION**

- Director Carly Holland introduced Jessica Roberts to the Council. Jessica has taken the role of Ag and Community Development Educator within the Extension office.

### **SHERIFF**

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Council that all counties have paid for housing of their inmates. A total of \$126,112.50 was collected. Currently, there are no out of county inmates to house and he will not be pursuing this for the remainder of the year.
- Sheriff Rice updated the Council on exterior damages to the jail building from a recent storm. Along with those damages, there was an issue with the generator when the power was lost. The upstairs boiler drained into the floor drain which then leaked onto the dryers in the laundry area and kicked the breaker off for the dryers.
- Sheriff Rice updated the Council on vehicles and service issues.
- Sheriff Rice advised the Council that Deputy Bobby Peck is currently at the academy and newly hired Deputy Amanda Cable has been doing in house training and is scheduled to go to the academy in January 2023.

### **MISC**

- County Attorney Leigh Morning is requesting the Council approve a Resolution Establishing a Fund for the loan proceeds on the Carr Stanley loan. Motion was made by Janet Kile to establish a fund for the loan proceeds. Seconded by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Council with Ordinance 2022-11 Authorizing the borrowing of funds for the Reconstruction of the Carr Stanley Drain. Amy Grocox made the motion to sign the ordinance. Seconded by Scott Barnes. Those in favor were Denny Corn, Amy Grocox, Janet Kile, Kyle Gardner, Scott Barnes and Carl Harcourt. Charlie Smith is abstaining since he is on the watershed. Motion carried.

- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Council with Ordinance 2022-10 Permitting the Rush County Recorder to expend monies in the Recorders Perpetuation Fund. Carl Harcourt made the motion to sign the ordinance. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman and Councilman Kyle Gardner updated the Council on the open Solid Waste position. They are down to two applicants who they are still interviewing.
- Councilman Kyle Gardner advised that there was a landowner meeting on a solar project being held at the New Salem Lions Club. County Attorney Leigh Morning stated she was waiting on the Red Line version of the paperwork from their attorneys.

Amy Grocox made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Scott Barnes. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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Charles Smith, Chairman

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ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/  
Tammy Justice, Auditor