

REGULAR MEETING RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL October 12, 2022

The Rush County Council met for the regular Rush County Council meeting on Wednesday October 12, 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.

Minutes of the September 28, 2022 Regular Session meeting were presented. Amy Grocox made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COURT SERVICES

- Director Ashley Stevens requested approval of an additional appropriation for Adult Probation User Fee Fund 2000.30005.000.0000 Misc Services in the amount of \$6,000.00. Motion to approve the additional appropriation was made by Amy Grocox. Seconded by Scott Barnes. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Ashley Stevens requested approval of an additional appropriation for the RCCC CTP Fund totaling \$17,000.00, broken out as follows: 1123.10162.000.0000 Pretrial Officer \$10,000.00, 1123.10200.000.0000 Social Security \$600.00, 1123.10205.000.0000 PERF \$1,000.00, 1123.30186.000.0000 Prof Services \$5,400.00. This is a back up plan for if the extension is not granted by the state. Denny Corn made the motion to approve the additional appropriation. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested a transfer in the County General Fund, Courthouse Budget from Operating Supplies 1000.20015.000.0161 to Building Maintenance 1000.30027.000.0000 in the amount of \$2,000.00. Scott Barnes made the motion to approve the transfer. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Council with the Coroner Opportunity Grant Proposal for Rush County Coroner Brenda McMahan, who could not be present. Purpose of the grant is to obtain various equipment and supplies for the Coroner's Office chosen from items offered by the Indiana Department of Health. Grant year is 2021 and 2022, there is no county match. Motion was made by Denny Corn to approve the Coroner Opportunity Grant Proposal. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Council with Federal Aid Bridge 125 Replacement Proposal for Superintendent Jerry Sitton, who was not present.

This is a federal reimbursement grant in the amount of \$846,000.00 with a county match of \$169,200.00 for grant year 2028. Purpose of the grant is for replacement of Bridge 125 over Beaver Meadow Creek on CR 875 W. Denny Corn made the motion to approve the proposed Federal Aid Bridge 125 Replacement. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Council with Federal Aid Bridge 164 Replacement Proposal for Superintendent Jerry Sitton, who was not present. This is a federal reimbursement grant in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 with a county match of \$300,000.00 for grant year 2028. Purpose of the grant is for replacement of Bridge 164 over Little Flatrock River on CR 300 S. Kyle Gardner made the motion to approve the proposed Federal Aid Bridge 164 Replacement Proposal. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Council with Federal Aid Bridge 181 Replacement Proposal for Superintendent Jerry Sitton, who was not present. This is a federal reimbursement grant in the amount of \$950,000.00 with a county match of \$190,000.00 for grant year 2028. Purpose of the grant is for replacement of Bridge 181 over N Branch of Clifty Creek on CR 250 E. Carl Harcourt made the motion to approve the proposed Federal Aid Bridge 181 Replacement Proposal. Seconded by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Council with Resolution 2022-14 Creating the Rush County Broadband Donation Fund. This is to establish fund number 7118 which is a non-reverting fund called Broadband Donation Fund. Monies will be used towards expenses relating to bringing Broadband access to Rush County including legal fees. Amy Grocox made the motion to approve and sign Resolution 2022-14 Creating the Broadband Donation Fund. Seconded by Janet Kile. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Council with the 2023 Rush County Calendar. Discussion was held regarding the public budget hearing date in September, along with the budget adoption dates in October. Changes will be made to these dates and presented again on Thursday, October 13, 2022.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Dixie Meyer advised the Council that she is now the administrator for the Health Department.
- Dixie Meyer advised the Council that a new job description will be wrote up for the environmentalist position within the Health Department.
- Dixie Meyer advised the Council that Amy DeJager will be going to full time on October 17, 2022 through January 6, 2022 at which time she will take over the position vacated by Sherry McKinney.
- Dixie Meyer advised the Council that Alisha Hill will be going to full time nursing instead of her current position of staff support.

2023 BUDGET HEARING

- 9:15 a.m. the 2023 budget hearings started. Each officeholder was present to present their budget to the Council.
- 10:00 a.m. Roll call was called for the Rush County Commissioners. Mark Bacon and Ron Jarman were present.
- 11:25 a.m. County Commissioner Paul Wilkinson was present.
- 11:30 a.m. Ron Jarman presented the Council with the 2023 Solid Waste Budget.
- 11:43 a.m. County Commissioner Paul Wilkinson left the budget hearing.
- 11:50 a.m. Councilman Charles Smith recessed the budget hearings for lunch.
- 1:15 p.m. the 2023 budget hearings were reconvened.
- 1:55 p.m. Councilwoman Janet Kile left the budget hearing.
- After all budgets had been heard, discussion was held and the Auditor was instructed to make the following changes: Superior Court - raises were reduced to 2%. Circuit Court - raises were reduced to 2%. Area Plan - consultant line item was reduced to \$10,000. Area Plan - \$500.00 was allocated from the consultant line item to legal notice line item for a total of \$1,000.00. Area Plan - APC & BZA board members were to have no increase to wages. Jail - Salary for the full-time cook was reduced to \$16.00/per hour for a total wage of \$33,280.00. Jail - part time cook line item was reduced to \$10,000.00. LIT - New Correction Officer line item in the amount of \$39,104.00 was removed, funds from this line was allocated to the Utilities line in the LIT budget for a total of \$119,104.00. Auditor - Auditor Assistant line item in the amount of \$35,090.00 was removed. Sheriff - elected official line item was reduced to a 2% raise. All reductions made to the county general budgets were allocated to the Council Use Only line. Motion to approve all changes to the 2023 Budget was made by Amy Grocox. Seconded by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Charles Smith recessed the 2023 Budget Hearing until Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

/Absent/
Charles Smith, Chairman

/Scott Barnes/
Scott Barnes

/Denny Corn/
Denny Corn

/Janet Kile/
Janet Kile

/Absent/
Kyle Gardner

/Carl Harcourt/
Carl Harcourt

/Amy Grocox/
Amy Grocox

ATTEST:
/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor