

REGULAR MEETING RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL January 11, 2023

The Rush County Council met for the regular Rush County Council meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. with County Council Members, Charles Smith, Denny Corn, Amy Grocox, Janet Kile, Kyle Gardner, Scott Barnes and Carl Harcourt present. Auditor, Tammy Justice and County Attorney Leigh Morning were also present.

Councilman Charles Smith called the Regular Session to order at 9:00 a.m.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

- Denny Corn made a motion to nominate Charles Smith as Council Chair for the 2023 year. Seconded by Amy Grocox. Charles Smith accepted the nomination. All were in favor. Motion carried. Carl Harcourt moved to close the nominations. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Amy Grocox made a motion to nominate Scott Barnes as Council Vice-Chair for the 2023 year. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. Scott Barnes accepted the nomination. All were in favor. Motion carried. Kyle Gardner moved to close the nominations. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes of the December 14, 2022 Regular Session meeting were presented. Denny Corn made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Amy Grocox. Scott Barnes abstained due to not being present. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested permission to advertise for fund 9119 RCCC Grant Fund in the amount of \$166,702.00. Motion to advertise was made by Amy Grocox. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested permission to advertise for fund 9120 RCCC Drug Court Grant in the amount of \$99,875.00. Motion to advertise was made by Denny Corn. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested permission to advertise for fund 2505 RCCC User Fee Fund in the amount of \$242,519.00. Motion to advertise was made by Janet Kile. Seconded by Scott Barnes. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested permission to advertise for fund 1123 RCCC CTP in the amount of \$17,000.00. Motion to advertise was made by Denny Corn. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested permission to advertise for fund 9124 Pretrial Services Grant in the amount of \$66,591.00. Motion to advertise was made by Amy Grocox. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Roll call for the County Commissioners was called at 9:07 am. Present was Mark Bacon and Ron Jarman.

2023 SALARY ORDINANCE

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval for an amended 2023 Salary Ordinance. Sheriff Rice and Dixie Meyer were present to discuss the changes made in their departments after the 2023 budget was approved that affected the salary ordinance. Denny Corn made a motion to approve the 2023 Amended Salary Ordinance. Seconded by Scott Barnes. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Dixie Meyer advised the Council of a Commission formed by Indiana Governor on Public Health Funding. Rush County could potentially receive an additional \$500,000 in funding for 2024. The state presented two options of which the Commissioners will have to vote to either opt in or out of the proposals. This will be a 5-year cycle for funding if the County opts in.

TRANSFERS

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval on behalf of the Commissioners and the Sheriff to transfer from Capital Outlays in the 1114 LIT Special Purpose Fund to IT Assistant in the amount of \$50,000.00. The Commissioners approved the hiring of an assistant for the IT Director and instructed it was to be paid out of LIT Special Purpose Fund. Scott Barnes made a motion to approve the transfer. Seconded by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SHERIFF CONTRACT

- The 2023 Sheriff Contract was presented for approval. Motion to approve the contract was made by Kyle Gardner. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kenny Aulbach was present at 9:27 am

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval for Ordinance 2023-2 creating the Foster Care – Title IV-E Fund. This is a non-reverting fund to hold funds received from the Indiana Public Defender Commission for reimbursement to the County for a portion of the County’s public defense expenses for Children in Need of Service (CHINS) and Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) cases. Amy Grocox made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-2. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice supplied the Council with a list of encumbrances from 2022 to 2023 budget year.

TREASURER

- Treasurer Jodi Harr advised the Council the annual Board of Finance meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.
- Treasurer Jodi Harr updated the Council on current interest rates on the County’s investments.
- Treasurer Jodi Harr advised the Council that there are currently 211 parcels eligible for the 2023 tax sale. Letters will be going out to all delinquent homeowners and eligible tax sale property owners.

HR

- HR Director Tony Personett updated the Council on the County health fair on March 15, 2023 from 7:00 am to 10:00 am on the first floor of the Courthouse.

COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Ron Jarman discussed the salary of IT Director Randy Herbert with the Council. Director Herbert would like to increase salary to \$85,000.00 and is willing to sign a letter stating once at the \$85,000.00 the only increase would be the raises the council gives. Discussion was held on how to accommodate the bump in salary to \$85,000.00. Scott Barnes made a motion to give IT Director a 2% raise out of Cum Cap and to transfer funds within the Cum Cap budget to accommodate the raise. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman updated the Council on the appraisals of the Priddy office buildings coming back at an average of \$114,500.00
- Commissioner Ron Jarman discussed with the Council the agreement to build the storage building had never been signed.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman discussed that RMH is wanting the deeds to the hospital properties to be deeded to Board of Trustees. Discussion was held regarding the issue.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman updated the Council on the incorrect installment of the jail roof and going back on the warranty to correct the issues.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman updated the Council on the Courthouse roof project. Completion is set for the end of January.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice requested approval to apply for the Rush Shelby Operation Round Up Grant in the amount of \$7,400.00. This is an advance grant with no County match. The purpose of the grant is to obtain the necessary funding to purchase a Bosch CDR Pro Tool Kit with Software. The device is utilized to extract the data from the black box located in vehicles to assist in fatal accidents. Scott Barnes made a motion to apply for the Rush Shelby Operation Round Up Grant. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Council the jail is currently housing 56 inmates.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Council there are currently 2 full time openings within the jail.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Council the 2023 vehicle order is on track for being fulfilled within the 1st quarter of 2023.

MISC

- Discussion was held regarding the Community Center letters. The letters that were prepared stated the County would pay in February 2023. Commissioner Ron Jarman stated he was willing to change the letters to state funds would be available at the closing of the new market tax credits.
- The Council was reminded of a meeting with the County's financial consultant FSG on January 31, 2023 to start the process on funding salaries.

Motion to adjourn was made by Denny Corn. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to rescind previous motion to adjourn was made by Denny Corn. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT

- Virgil Bremer was present to apply for the Council's appointment to the APC Board. Scott Barnes made a motion to appoint Virgil Bremer to the APC Board. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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Charles Smith, Chairman

Scott Barnes

Denny Corn

Janet Kile

Kyle Gardner

Carl Harcourt

Amy Grocox

ATTEST:

Tammy Justice, Auditor