

REGULAR MEETING RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL February 8, 2023

The Rush County Council met for the regular Rush County Council meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. with County Council Members Denny Corn, Amy Grocox, Janet Kile, Kyle Gardner, Scott Barnes and Carl Harcourt present. Council Member Charlie Smith was present via phone conference. Auditor, Tammy Justice and County Attorney Leigh Morning were also present.

Councilman Scott Barnes called the Regular Session to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes of the January 11, 2023 Regular Session meeting were presented. Denny Corn made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. Roll Call Charlie Smith Aye, Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye and Scott Barnes Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ENCUMBRANCES

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval for the 2022 to 2023 encumbrances in the amount of \$1,429,443.11. Break down as follows: County General Fund \$23,582.21. LIT Special Purpose Fund \$167,789.96. Cum Bridge Fund \$449,875.90. LRS Fund \$577,427.00. MVH Restricted Fund \$141,000.00. Highway Fund \$33,699.99 and all other funds \$36,068.05. Motion to carry 2022 encumbrances to 2023 was made by Amy Grocox. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. Roll Call Charlie Smith Aye, Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye and Scott Barnes Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

- Public Defender Bryan Barrett requested approval from the Council to apply for the 2023 Title IV-E Funding Grant. This is a reimbursable grant with no county match. The purpose of the grant is for reimbursement of a portion of the county's public defense expenses in Child in Need of Services (CHINS) and Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) cases. Charlie Smith made the motion to approve applying for the 2023 Title IV-E Funding Grant. Seconded by Amy Grocox. Roll Call Charlie Smith Aye, Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye and Scott Barnes Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval for additional appropriation for fund 9119 RCCC Grant Fund in the amount of \$166,702.00. Motion to approve additional appropriation was made by Carl Harcourt. Seconded by Charlie Smith. Roll Call Charlie Smith Aye, Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye and Scott Barnes Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval for additional appropriation for fund 9120 RCCC Drug Court Grant in the amount of \$99,875.00. Motion to approve additional appropriation was made by Kyle Gardner. Seconded by Denny Corn. Roll Call Charlie Smith Aye, Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye and Scott Barnes Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval for additional appropriation for fund 2505 RCCC User Fee Fund in the amount of \$242,519.00. Motion to approve additional appropriation was made by Amy Grocox. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. Roll Call Charlie Smith Aye, Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye and Scott Barnes Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval for additional appropriation for fund 1123 RCCC CTP in the amount of \$17,000.00. Motion to approve additional appropriation was made by Denny Corn. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. Roll Call Charlie Smith Aye, Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye and Scott Barnes Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval for additional appropriation for fund 9124 Pretrial Services Grant in the amount of \$66,591.00. Motion to approve additional appropriation was made by Denny Corn. Seconded by Amy Grocox. Roll Call Charlie Smith Aye, Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye and Scott Barnes Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval to create alternate fund #9121 for the Prosecutor Deferral Grant. Department of Corrections wants all of their grants to use alternating fund numbers every year. For 2023 fund #9110 will go to fund #9121, then next year go back to fund #9110. Motion to approve creating alternate fund #9121 was made by Carl Harcourt. Seconded by Amy Grocox. Roll Call Charlie Smith Aye, Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye and Scott Barnes Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.

2023 SALARY ORDINANCE

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval for an amended 2023 Salary Ordinance for IT Director salary 2% increase. Also, Sheriff Rice discussed restructuring the jail due to multiple rank changes that also affected the salary ordinance. Motion to approve the amended salary ordinance was made by Charlie Smith. Seconded by Amy Grocox. Roll Call Charlie Smith Aye, Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye and Scott Barnes Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.

TRANSFERS

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval on behalf of the Commissioners to transfer \$1,500.00 in Cum Cap Fund 1138 from Equipment to IT Salary. Motion to approve transfer in Cum Cap Fund 1138 from Equipment to IT Salary in the amount of \$1,500.00 was made by Denny Corn. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. Roll Call Charlie Smith Aye, Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye and Scott Barnes Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HR

- HR Director Tony Personett updated the Council regarding a meeting that was held with FSG, the county's financial group, regarding increasing wages and starting wages for county employees and the sustainability of this increase. Discussion was held regarding how percentage raises or a fixed dollar amount raise affects employee's salaries. Viewpoints were also discussed on raises being based on employee performance instead of across the board.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Council that his department was not awarded the winter K9 grant offered by Beacon Credit Union. Sheriff Rice plans on applying again in the spring.

MISC

- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Council with Interlocal Agreement By and Between City of Rushville and County of Rush for transfer of 911 funds in the amount of \$136,968.00 from the County to the City for dispatch salaries. Motion to approve Interlocal Agreement was made by Denny Corn. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. Roll Call Charlie Smith Aye, Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye and Scott Barnes Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Council with an Ordinance Authorizing Rush County to Participate in the Establishment of a Regional Development Authority. Discussion was held with Leigh and Mason Gordon on the benefits of participating in READI. Motion to approve Ordinance Authorizing Rush County to Participate in the Establishment of a Regional Development Authority was made by Denny Corn. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. Roll Call Charlie Smith Aye, Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye and Scott Barnes Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Council woman Janet Kile left the meeting at 9:17 am and returned at 9:18 am.

Motion to adjourn was made by Denny Corn. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. Roll Call Charlie Smith Aye, Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle

Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye and Scott Barnes Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.

/Charles Smith/
Charles Smith, Chairman

/Scott Barnes/
Scott Barnes

/Denny Corn/
Denny Corn

/Absent/
Janet Kile

/Kyle Gardner/
Kyle Gardner

/Absent/
Carl Harcourt

/Amy Grocox/
Amy Grocox

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor