

REGULAR MEETING RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL July 13, 2023

The Rush County Council met for the regular Rush County Council meeting on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. with County Council Members Denny Corn, Amy Grocox, Janet Kile, Kyle Gardner, Carl Harcourt and Charlie Smith present. Auditor Tammy Justice, and County Attorney Leigh Morning were also present. Councilman Scott Barnes was not present.

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

Minutes of the June 14, 2023, Regular and Joint Session meeting with the Commissioners were presented. Janet Kile made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PROSECUTOR

- Prosecutor Phil Caviness requested approval from the Council to apply for the 2023-2024 STOP Grant in the amount of \$41,021.08 with a county match of \$13,673.69 which is paid out of Pre-Trial Diversion Funds. Kyle Gardner moved to apply for the 2023-2024 STOP Grant in the amount of \$41,021.08. Seconded by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

IT

- IT Director Randy Herbert requested approval from the Council to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$50,000.00 for rising costs of maintenance. Discussion was held regarding what fund the additional appropriation would come from. Motion to advertise was made by Amy Grocox. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval from the Council for an updated 2023 Salary Ordinance which reflects the state mandated increase for the Sheriff effective July 1, 2023. Amy Grocox moved to approve the updated 2023 Salary Ordinance. Seconded by Janet Kile. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Council that Greg Guerrettaz with FSG would like to meet with the council and all officeholders from 9 am to 4 pm on August 29, 2023, to discuss budgets. The Council instructed Auditor Tammy Justice to reschedule their August 9, 2023, regular meeting to August 29, 2023.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice presented the Council with the annual inmate trust and commissary reports.
- Sheriff Allan Rice presented the Council with a packet on the proposed matrix he used for the 2024 budgets.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Council that Grant County has reached out for housing of their inmates. Proposed amounts for inmate housing will be given to the Grant County Council for their approval. Discussion was also held regarding housing of federal inmates.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Council of staffing issues with the termination of a jailer. Hiring of a communications deputy that will need training and hiring of a matron and administrative secretary.

MISC

- Commissioner Ron Jarman updated the Council on the bid that was received to tear down the Moscow and Milroy properties.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman updated the Council on the status of the Community Center and Broadband.

Motion to adjourn was made by Carl Harcourt. Seconded by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

/Charles Smith/
Charles Smith, Chairman

/Absent/
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