

## **REGULAR MEETING RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL October 11, 2023**

The Rush County Council met on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. to continue their regular meeting from Tuesday, October 10, 2023 with the following members present: Charlie Smith, Scott Barnes, Denny Corn, Amy Grocox, Janet Kile, Carl Harcourt, and Kyle Gardner. Auditor, Tammy Justice and County Attorney Leigh Morning were also present.

Chairman Charlie Smith reconvened the regular meeting from October 10, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

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

- Chairman Smith called to order the Public Hearing for the Rush County Solid Waste District 2024 budget. Hearing no comments from the public Carl Harcourt made the motion to close the public hearing. Amy Grocox seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **SHERIFF**

- Sheriff Allan Rice requested approval from the Council to apply for Local Coordinating Council Fall 2023 Grant in the amount of \$7,650.00 with no county match. This will allow the Sheriff's Department to purchase a Bosch CDR pro tool kit with software to extract data from a vehicles black box after accidents. Scott Barnes moved to apply for the Local Coordinating Council Fall 2023 Grant in the amount of \$7,650.00. Seconded by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Council on hot water issues at the jail.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Council regarding two (2) of the (3) new Durango's are now on the road.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Council regarding the missing person from the Arlington area.
- A discussion was held regarding the jail roof. County Attorney Leigh Morning advised that repairs need to be completed so a warranty can be issued on the roof before the upcoming winter season. Morning advised she had given a deadline of November 15, 2023, for all repairs to be completed.

### **MISC**

- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Council she had received a response back from the county's financial advisors, FSG, regarding the Cum Voting Fund. FSG stated that implementing a Cum Voting Fund would not reduce the other Cum Funds. However, it would reduce the other tax rated funds like County General, Health and Reassessment. Discussion was held regarding moving forward with establishing a Cum Voting Fund. The Auditor was instructed to ask FSG what effect it would have on the tax rated funds if a Cum Voting Fund was set up for \$63,000.00 and or \$50,000.00.
- Human Resource Director Tony Personett advised the Council he had been instructed by the Commissioners to post the HR position. Personett advised that when he was hired, a committee comprised of one (1) commissioner, one (1) councilman and the auditor was who interviewed applicants.

Councilman Charlie Smith stated he would sit on that committee if the Commissioners decided to go that route.

**2024 BUDGET HEARING**

- 2024 Rush County Budget was read, reviewed, and discussed for a second time. Totals for tax rate funds are \$17,732,609.00. Home Rule funds total \$8,126,474.00. Amy Grocox made a motion to approve the 2024 Rush County Budget Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates. Seconded by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kyle Gardner. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.

/Charles Smith/  
Charles Smith, Chairman

/Scott Barnes/  
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/Janet Kile/  
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/Kyle Gardner/  
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/Carl Harcourt/  
Carl Harcourt

/Amy Grocox/  
Amy Grocox

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/  
Tammy Justice, Auditor