

REGULAR MEETING RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL December 13, 2023

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

Councilman Charlie Smith called the Public Hearing for Hoosier Pallet, LLC application for abatements to order at 9:00 a.m.

- Abe Keim gave information to the Council and public regarding the applications for abatements.
- Dr. Bob Jackman from the public spoke in support of the tax abatements for Hoosier Pallet. Jackman also gave a brief history and information regarding abatements.

Motion to close Public Hearing was made by Scott Barnes. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Charlie Smith called the Regular Session to order at 9:15 a.m.

Minutes of the November 8, 2023, Regular Session were presented. Denny Corn made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HOOSIER PALLET

- Resolution 2023-8 Confirmatory Resolution for the Designation of an Economic Revitalization Area on Application of Hoosier Pallet LLC was presented to the Council. Denny Corn moved to pass Resolution 2023-8. Seconded by Scott Barnes. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Nay. Motion carried.
- Real Estate SB1 in the amount of \$805,000.00 was presented to the Council. Scott Barnes moved to approve Real Estate SB1 for \$805,000.00 for ten (10) years. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Nay. Motion carried.
- Personal Property SB1 in the amount of \$800,000.00 was presented to the Council. Janet Kile moved to approve Personal Property SB1 for up to four (4) years. Seconded by Denny Corn. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Nay. Motion carried.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

- Interlocal Agreement by and between City of Rushville, Indiana and County of Rush, Indiana was presented to the Council. The purpose of the Interlocal Agreement is to transfer 911 funds in the amount of \$136,968.00 from the

County to the City for dispatch salaries. Scott Barnes moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement. Seconded by Denny Corn. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. Kyle Gardner abstained due to working for the City of Rushville. Motion carried.

TRANSFERS and ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

- Ashley Stevens, Director of Court Services, requested approval from the Council for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$32,000.00 for fund 8119 State Opioid Fund. Kyle Gardner moved to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$32,000.00. Seconded by Denny Corn. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Stacy Miller for Superior Court requested approval from the Council to transfer funds in County General in the amount of \$200.00 from Furniture & Equipment to Supplies. Janet Kile moved to approve the transfer. Seconded by Denny Corn. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Joyce Miller for Soil & Water requested approval from the Council to transfer funds in County General in the amount of \$400.00 from Adult Education to Cons/Education and \$200.00 from Education to Cons/Education for a total of \$600.00. Kyle Gardner moved to approve the transfer. Seconded by Denny Corn. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Coroner Brenda McMahan requested approval from the Council to transfer funds in County General in the amount of \$820.26 from Misc. Supplies to Deputy Coverage. Scott Barnes moved to approve the transfer. Seconded by Denny Corn. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Coroner Brenda McMahan requested approval from the Council to transfer funds in County General in the amount of \$8,698.02 from Council Use Only to Autopsies. McMahan stated the Prosecutor can assist with additional funds of up to \$3,000.00 if needed. Scott Barnes moved to approve the transfer. Seconded by Denny Corn. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Treasurer Jodi Harr requested approval from the Council to transfer funds in County General in the amount of \$270.00 from Positive Pay to Supplies, \$50.00 from Advertising to Supplies and \$98.00 from Travel to Supplies for a total of \$418.00. Kyle Gardner moved to approve the transfer. Seconded by Denny Corn. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Karen Macy for the Clerk requested approval from the Council to transfer funds in County General in the amount of \$100.00 from Supplies to Professional Services. Janet Kile moved to approve the transfer. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Karen Macy for the Clerk requested approval from the Council to transfer funds in fund 1119 Clerk Record Perpetuation in the amount of \$125.00

from Supplies to Professional Services and \$100.00 from Equipment to Professional Services for a total of \$225.00. Denny Corn moved to approve the transfer. Seconded by Scott Barnes. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- HR Director Tony Personett requested approval from the Council to transfer funds in County General in the amount of \$595.71 from Travel to Supplies and \$500.00 from Contract Services to Supplies for a total of \$1,095.71. Denny Corn moved to approve the transfer. Seconded by Scott Barnes. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Allan Rice requested approval from the Council for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$25,500.00 in fund 1170 LIT Public Safety County Share. Kyle Gardner moved to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$25,500.00. Seconded by Denny Corn. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Allan Rice requested approval from the Council to transfer funds in County General in the amount of \$11,200.00 from Gas, Oil & Lube to Overtime. Denny Corn moved to approve the transfer. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Amy DeJager for the Health Department requested approval from the Council to transfer in 1168 Health Maintenance and Tobacco Fund in the amount of \$500.00 from Misc. Equipment to Gas, Oil and Lube. Scott Barnes moved to approve the transfer. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval from the Council to transfer in County General in the amount of \$500.00 from Furniture & Equipment to Supplies. Kyle Gardner moved to approve the transfer. Seconded by Denny Corn. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval from the Council to transfer \$125,000.00 from fund 1000 County General to fund 1186 Rainy Day per the direction of FSG. Denny Corn moved to approve the transfer. Seconded by Janet Kile. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.

2023 SALARY ORDINANCE

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested the Council approve updated Salary Ordinance for 2023. This includes rank changes at the jail, PTBOA changes in Reassessment and entry level pay out of fund 2505. Scott Barnes moved to approve the changes to the 2023 Salary Ordinance. Seconded by Denny Corn. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.

2024 SALARY ORDINANCE

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval from the Council for the 2024 Salary Ordinance. Kyle Gardner moved to approve the 2024 Salary Ordinance. Seconded by Janet Kile. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile

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

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested approval from the Council to apply for the CCMG 2024-1 Grant in the amount of \$634,915.00 with a county match of \$158,729.00. The purpose of the grant is to chip seal 25.17 miles of roads by contract. Kyle Gardner moved to approve applying for the CCMG 2024-1 Grant. Seconded by Denny Corn. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval from the Council to allow her the ability to encumber with invoices until year end. Kyle Gardner moved to allow the Auditor to encumber. Seconded by Denny Corn. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval from the Council to allow her the ability to sign transfers between series until year end. Scott Barnes moved to allow the Auditor to sign transfers between series. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.

2024 CALENDAR

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval from the Council for the 2024 Calendar. Sheriff Allan Rice expressed to the Council that his departments should be awarded a make-up holiday for April 8, 2024, since the courthouse and highway department is closed. Councilman Kyle Gardner discussed the possibility of holding a couple of council meetings in the evenings. Denny Corn moved to accept the 2024 Calendar. Seconded by Scott Barnes. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.

2024 APPOINTMENTS

- Hospital Board – letters of interest were received by Kipland Burkett and Michael Dora. Denny Corn moved to accept Kipland Burkett to the Hospital Board. Seconded by Scott Barnes. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. Motion carried.
- Alcoholic Beverage Board – No letters of interest were received. Scott Barnes moved to reappoint Daniel Shanahan to the Alcoholic Beverage Board. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Area Plan Commission – Denny Corn
- Eastern Indiana Development District – Scott Barnes
- Economic Development District – Kyle Gardner
- Employee Health Insurance Committee – Charles Smith
- Fiber Board – Carl Harcourt
- Solid Waste Board – Kyle Gardner

- EMA Board – Carl Harcourt
- Revolving Loan Board – Charles Smith
- Redevelopment Board – Charles Smith
- Personnel Committee – Janet Kile
- JRAC – Charles Smith
- Extension – Amy Grocox
- Carl Harcourt made a motion to approve the 2024 County Council Appointments. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Council he had been notified by the Carthage town board that the town Marshall had been suspended pending termination.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Council the booster pump in the boiler room at the jail burnt out and filled the room with smoke. The pump will have to be replaced.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Council of a claim out of Capital Outlays for a mixing valve in the amount of \$3,982.85.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Council one of his employees had been stuck by a hypodermic needle while cleaning out the med box in the vestibule at the jail. Rice stated he will be removing the med box and will no longer accept outdated drugs, stating Rush Memorial Hospital accepts outdated drugs twice a year.
- Councilman Charlie Smith expressed his gratitude and appreciation to all the men and women who worked on the Valerie Tindall case, stating we appreciate their work and time put into the case.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Newly hired Director Jodi Harr informed the Council her last day as Rush County Treasurer would be January 19, 2024, and that current director Tony Personett has agreed to stay through February 2, 2024. Harr advised that the Governor's office has been notified of the change. Harr thanked the committee for giving her the opportunity to take on the roll as HR Director.
- Current Director Tony Personett thanked the Council for the opportunity to be the Human Resource Director for the County.

MISC

- Ashley Stevens, Director of Court Services, advised the Council that the last pay of 2023 for the entry level position in her budget would need to be split between the 9119 RCCC Grant Fund and the 2505 RCCC User Fee Fund, due to the raises that were awarded mid-year.
- Commissioner Kenny Aulbach advised the Council of the intent to combine the Area Plan and Surveyor offices and have one (1) secretary for both. The surveyor's office will need some repairs in order to house both offices. Area Plan Director Mike Holzback stated he is on board with combining both offices.
- Discussion was held regarding the Extension office and possible locations to house them.
- Discussion was held regarding moving the human resource office due to privacy concerns.

- Councilman Kyle Gardner advised the Council the ARI Region was still waiting on their check for \$15,000.00. READI 2.0 possible projects including blighted and tax sale properties and sewer liens associated with them was discussed.
- Discussion was held regarding ARPA funds and broadband. Scott Barnes recommended the Commissioners reassemble the ARPA committee to look at reallocating funds since the ARPA funds must be allocated by the end of 2024.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kyle Gardner. Seconded by Janet Kile. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Scott Barnes Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.

/Charlie Smith/
Charles Smith, Chairman

/Scott Barnes/
Scott Barnes

/Denny Corn/
Denny Corn

/Janet Kile/
Janet Kile

/Kyle Gardner/
Kyle Gardner

/Carl Harcourt/
Carl Harcourt

/Abstain/
Amy Grocox

ATTEST:
/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor