

## **REGULAR MEETING    RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL    February 14, 2024**

The Rush County Council met for the regular Rush County Council meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. with County Council Members Denny Corn, Amy Grocox, Janet Kile, Kyle Gardner, and Carl Harcourt present. Auditor, Tammy Justice and County Attorney Leigh Morning were also present. Council Members Charlie Smith and Scott Barnes were not present.

Councilman Kyle Gardner called the Regular Session to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes of the January 10, 2024, Regular Session meeting was presented. Denny Corn made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

- Director Jodi Harr requested approval from the Council to transfer \$1,500.00 from 1000.30013.00000.0117 Contract Services to 1000.20010.00000.0117 Supplies. Amy Grocox made a motion to approve the transfer. Seconded by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr advised the Council the Prosecutor had hired the replacement for the IV-D Administrator. The new employee will need to work alongside the current administrator for training. Harr requested the Council create a temporary position to accommodate the training and pay the replacement. Amy Grocox moved to approve the temporary position. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr asked permission from the Council to hire a temporary/part-time employee until the end of the year for Circuit Court. Judge Northam would like this employee to be paid the hourly rate of \$21.70 instead of the normal part-time amount. Janet Kile moved to approve the temporary/part time hire at \$21.70 per hour. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr updated the Council on personnel and the upcoming health fair scheduled for April 3, 2024.

### **COURT SERVICES**

- Director Ashley Stevens requested approval from the Council for an additional appropriation in fund 9112 Problem Solving Court Grant in the amount of \$13,000.00. \$3,000.00 into Travel 9112.30002.00000.0000 and \$10,000.00 into Professional Services 9112.30186.00000.0000. Amy Grocox moved to approve the additional appropriation. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Ashley Stevens requested approval from the Council to advertise for an additional appropriation in fund 2000 Adult Probation User Fee in the amount of \$4,206.00 for 2000.10200.00000.0000 Social Security. Carl Harcourt moved to advertise for the additional appropriation. Seconded by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

- Amy DeJager requested approval from the Council to advertise for an additional appropriation for fund 1161 Local Public Health Services in the amount of \$6,417.53 in 1161.30186.00000.0000 Professional Services. Denny Corn moved to advertise for the additional appropriation. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Amy DeJager requested approval from the Council to advertise for an additional appropriation for fund 1168 Health Maint Tobacco in the amount of \$40,695.00 in 1168.40000.00000.0000 Equipment. Amy Grocox moved to advertise for the additional appropriation. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **EMA**

- Director Chuck Kemker requested formal approval from the Council to apply for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant in the amount of \$25,000.00. Due to grant application deadline, Chairman Charlie Smith had already signed pending approval. Carl Harcourt moved to approve applying for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant. Seconded by Janet Kile. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Roll Call at 9:19 a.m. Commissioners Mark Bacon and Kenny Aulbach were present.

## **AUDITOR**

- Auditor Tammy Justice for Clerk Angie Buckley requested approval from the Council to advertise for an additional appropriation for fund 9129 HAVA Election Security in the amount of \$3,692.56. Amy Grocox moved to advertise for the additional appropriation. Seconded by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice for Clerk Angie Buckley requested approval from the Council to transfer \$5,000.00 from 1119.10018.00000.0000 Part-Time to 1119.20010.00000.0000 Supplies. Amy Grocox made a motion to approve the transfer. Seconded by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice for Sheriff Allan Rice requested approval from the Council for an additional appropriation in fund 9128 Local Co Council Fall 2023 Grant in the amount of \$5,100.00 in 9128.40000.00000.0000 Equipment. Denny Corn moved to approve the additional appropriation. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice for Coroner Brenda McMahan requested approval from the Council to transfer \$2,399.15 from 1000.40052.00000.0068 Council Use Only to 1000.30047.00000.0068 Autopsies. The Council approved to pay in the December meeting, but the encumbrance did not get done. Amy Grocox moved to approve the transfer. Seconded by Janet Kile. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval from the Council to transfer \$15,216.85 in 8950.40099.00000.0000 Community Center to 8950.30214.00000.0000 Loss Revenue Highway. Amy Grocox moved to approve the transfer. Seconded by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **2024 SALARY ORDINANCE**

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval for an amended 2024 Salary Ordinance as follows: Jail CO Sirosky name change effective 01.01.2024 with pay up to \$21.21. Jail Huffman (Beckner) name change. Jail Corp. Crawford name change effective 01.01.2024 with pay up to \$22.68. Jail A. Robinson name change. Circuit Court Temp/Part-Time with pay up to \$21.70. IV-D Incentive 8897 Temp/Part-Time with pay up to \$18.73. LIT Special Purpose CO Ackerman name change effective 01.22.2024 with pay up to \$21.21. LIT Special Purpose CO Woodham name change effective 01.01.2024 with pay up to \$21.80. Amy Grocox moved to amend the 2024 Salary Ordinance. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **CLERK**

- Clerk Angie Buckley updated the Council regarding the new voting machines as well as storage and transportation issues regarding the new machines.

## **FSG**

- Greg Guerrettaz with FSG presented the Council with the Sustainability/Revenue and Spending Plan Report.
- Greg Guerrettaz advised the Council of the 2023 actual budgetary results. Guerrettaz touched on the following topics: Interest Income increased in 2023 and expected to continue into 2025 but reduce at some point in 2026. Salary increases and needs for 2024-2025. Mental Health Expense Increases for transportation costs. Expenses allocated to jail LIT, ARPA and increased expenses to the Health Insurance Fund. Guerrettaz touched on the following Capital Improvement Projects: Broadband, Community Center Project, Courthouse remodel project, Storage Building and Economic Development Payments from Bell Flower Solar to begin in 2024.

## **MISC**

- Kyle Garder notated the handout of the general commissary funds from the Sheriff Department.
- Commissioner Mark Bacon advised the Council that Envoy had presented the Commissioners with a contract for their services and scope on the courthouse renovation project. Bacon updated the Council regarding the courthouse boiler issues. Bacon also expressed his concerns to the Council regarding QPH and the issues with the courthouse filters not being changed. Bacon also advised the Council preventative maintenance contracts were in place for the water issues with the boiler and the courthouse generator.
- Commissioner Kenny Aulbach discussed with the Council the need to get the County Surveyor's Office more engineering help and how to divert those costs to expedite more drainage projects in the future.
- Representatives with Common Wealth updated the Council regarding the Glenwood water project and discussion was held.
- The County Commissioners at their January 29, 2024, meeting made a motion to form a study group/committee for the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor renovations that would consist of both judges, prosecutor, public defender, one (1) commissioner and two (2) councilmen. Discussion was held with the Council as to who among them would sit on this committee. Denny Corn and Carl Harcourt both volunteered to sit on this committee.

- Kyle Gardner presented the Council with a letter of Support for Accelerate Rural Indiana’s READI 2.0 Application. Amy Grocox made a motion to have Kyle Gardner sign the letter of support. Seconded by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

/Absent/  
Charles Smith, Chairman

/Absent/  
Scott Barnes

/Denny Corn/  
Denny Corn

/Janet Kile/  
Janet Kile

/Kyle Gardner/  
Kyle Gardner

/Denny Corn/  
Carl Harcourt

/Amy Grocox/  
Amy Grocox

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/  
Tammy Justice, Auditor