

## **REGULAR MEETING    RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL    April 10, 2024**

The Rush County Council met for the regular Rush County Council meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. with County Council Members Charlie Smith, Denny Corn, Amy Grocox, Janet Kile, Kyle Gardner and Scott Barnes present. Auditor, Tammy Justice and County Attorney Leigh Morning were also present. Councilman Carl Harcourt was not present.

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

Minutes of the March 13, 2024, Regular Session meeting was presented. Scott Barnes moved to withdraw his motion to create an ordinance to increase the LIT tax rate by five (5) cents for the volunteer fire departments. Janet Kile seconded the motion to rescind. Amy Grocox made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **PROSECUTOR**

- Deputy Prosecutor David Thompson requested approval from the Council to apply for the Prosecutor's Felony Diversion Program Grant in the amount of \$26,025.00 with no county match. The purpose of this grant is to provide funding for the Prosecutor's Felony Diversion, which serves to divert qualified defendants facing felony charges from incarceration and probation while still holding them accountable for their behavior. Janet Kile moved to approve applying for the Prosecutor's Felony Diversion Program Grant in the amount of \$26,025.00. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Deputy Prosecutor Laura Holt requested approval from the Council to apply for the 2024-2025 STOP Grant in the amount of \$41,021.08 with a county match of \$13,673.69. The purpose of this grant is to provide for a deputy prosecutor dedicated to the prosecution of cases involving domestic violence. Denny Corn moved to approve applying for the 2024-2025 STOP Grant. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **COURT SERVICES**

- Director Ashley Stevens requested approval from the Council to apply for the 2025 Community Corrections and Justice Reinvestment Grants in the amount of \$338,510.00 with no county match. This grant encompasses three (3) separate grant funds. The purpose of these grants is to help supervise programs or residential services for adult offenders that are re-integrating into the community who otherwise would be incarcerated in local jails or state prisons. Denny Corn moved to approve applying for the Community Corrections & Justice Reinvestment Grants in the amount of \$338,510.00. Seconded by Scott Barnes. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Ashley Stevens requested approval from the Council to apply for the 2025 IOCS Grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 for Pretrial and \$16,000.00 for Problem Solving Court, with no county match. The purpose of this grant is to provide financial assistance to certified pretrial service agencies and certified problem-solving courts. Amy Grocox moved to

approve applying for the 2025 IOCS Grant. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Director Ashley Stevens updated the Council regarding the upcoming crisis intervention training.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

- Chuck Kemker for the Health Department requested approval from the Council for a transfer in the amount of \$2,000.00 from 8113.30002.00000.0000 Travel to 8113.20010.00000.0000 Supplies. Kyle Gardner moved to approve the transfer. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **CLERK**

- Auditor Tammy Justice for Clerk Angie Buckley requested approval from the Council for an additional appropriation in fund 1119 Clerk Record Perpetuation in the amount of \$5,000.00 for 1119.20012.00000.0000 Repairs and Supplies. Amy Grocox moved to approve the additional appropriation. Seconded by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

- Director Jodi Harr updated the Council regarding a spring clean-up of the courthouse. Offices can begin bringing down broken or unwanted items to the assembly room May 13, 2024. The public will then be allowed access to the unwanted items. Anything left in the assembly room after May 24, 2024, will be disposed of.
- Director Jodi Harr updated the Council regarding the recent health fair.

### **MISC**

- Chariman Charlie Smith posed the question to Commissioner Kenny Aulbach as to why there must be an approval to build an office in the Assembly room but not a closet. Commissioner Aulbach stated Envoy was working on that.
- Scott Barnes advised the Council the reason for the motion to rescind his previous motion on the LIT tax rate increase was due to an error. Scott Barnes moved to increase the Public Safety LIT tax rate by five (5) cents. None of the funds are to go to PSAP (Public Safety Access Point) and are to be distributed accordingly: \$2,000.00 each to go to Waldron Fire Department and Clarksburg Fire Department first. Then the rest to be distributed evenly between the seven (7) volunteer fire departments in Rush County.
- John McCane updated the Council on Diamond Pet Foods and the Rec. Center. McCane also advised the Council there will be an upcoming tour of the Rec. Center.
- Chairman Charlie Smith advised the Council that the state raised assessments on farm ground.
- Amy Grocox advised the Council of the next comprehensive plan meeting.
- Chariman Charlie Smith advised the Council he had received an email from Fayette County. They are wanting a decision by April 15, 2024, regarding funding for the Glenwood water issues. Glenwood is not showing up to the Council meetings to discuss their request for funding.

Motion to adjourn was made by Amy Grocox. Seconded by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

/Charles Smith/  
Charles Smith, Chairman

/Scott Barnes/  
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Denny Corn

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Janet Kile

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Kyle Gardner

/Abstain/  
Carl Harcourt

/Amy Grocox/  
Amy Grocox

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/  
Tammy Justice, Auditor