

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

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

Councilman Charlie Smith called the Regular Session to order at 9:00 a.m. and read the IREAD statement to the public.

### **PUBLIC HEARING RUSH COUNTY LOCAL INCOME TAX RATES**

- At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Charlie Smith called to order the Public Hearing for the Rush County Local Income Tax Rates. Hearing no comments from the public, Carl Harcourt made the motion to close the public hearing. Denny Corn seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC HEARING RUSH COUNTY BUDGET 2025**

- At 9:01 a.m. Chairman Charlie Smith called to order the Public Hearing for the Rush County 2025 budget. Hearing no comments from the public, Amy Grocox made the motion to close the public hearing. Scott Barnes seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **RUSH COUNTY LIT RATES**

- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Council with Ordinance 2024-6 Modifying Local Income Tax Rates for Rush County for approval. After reading over the existing and proposed LIT rates, Amy Grocox moved to approve Ordinance 2024-6. Seconded by Scott Barnes. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes of the August 28, 2024, Regular Session meeting was presented. Scott Barnes made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **AUDITOR**

- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Council with the Sheriff's Salary Contract for approval. Discussion and clarification of meal reimbursements was made. Scott Barnes moved to approve the Sheriff's Salary Contract. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Council with Resolution 2024-2 Recommending 2025 Property Tax Levy Limits for Taxing Units. This is required by the DLGF on a yearly basis. Amy Grocox moved to approve Resolution 2024-2. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

- Dixie Meyer discussed with the Council the need to increase the nurse salary to fill the vacant position. Meyer advised the remaining 2024 budget as well as the proposed 2025 budget can sustain the increase of \$29.00 per hour for that position. The 4% increase for 2025, would not be added and the

director of nursing stipend would not be awarded until after a year of employment. Scott Barnes moved to increase the nurse hourly rate to \$29.00. Seconded by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **SURVEYOR**

- Surveyor Marvin Rees presented the Council with Ordinance 2024-7 Resolution of the County Council of Rush County, Indiana Authorizing the Financing of the Reconstruction Loan for the Eli Murray Drain in the amount of \$33,244.42. Carl Harcourt moved to approve Ordinance 2024-7. Seconded by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Surveyor Marvin Rees presented the Council with Ordinance 2024-8 Resolution of the County Council of Rush County, Indiana Authorizing the Financing of the Reconstruction Loan for the William Glendenning Drain in the amount of \$48,438.48. Denny Corn moved to approve Ordinance 2024-8. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Surveyor Marvin Rees presented the Council with Ordinance 2024-9 Resolution of the County Council of Rush County, Indiana Authorizing the Financing of the Reconstruction Loan for the Geise-Stevens Drain in the amount of \$21,840.00. Amy Grocox moved to approve Ordinance 2024-9. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **SHERIFF**

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Council an offer of employment had been made for the open merit deputy position.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Council he had been notified that he would be losing a merit deputy as of January 1, 2025.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Council regarding fundraisers for the K-9 fund.
- Sheriff Allan Rice gave a vehicle update to the Council.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

- Director Jodi Harr reminded the Council to watch the harassment video that was emailed to them and return the sign off sheet back to her.
- Director Jodi Harr updated the Council on employee comp time. Harr also advised some officeholders were not aware that employees were clocking in early which was generating comp time.
- Director Jodi Harr updated the Council on open positions.

### **MISC**

- Commissioner Kenny Aulbach advised the Council the purchase agreement for Dr. Sickbert's property at 620 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville had been tabled due to the current leaseholder having the first right of refusal. The Commissioners should know more information in the next few weeks and will update accordingly.
- Kyle Gardner updated the Council on broadband.
- Charlie Smith advised the Council that during the SBOA audit, it had come to light that reimbursement for inmate meals should be paid out of County General. Smith advised that the budget for 2025 County General and LIT had been adjusted to accommodate this change.

Councilman Charlie Smith Closed the Regular Session Meeting at 9:42 a.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING RUSH COUNTY SOLID WASTE 2025**

- Chairman Smith called to order the Public Hearing for the Rush County Solid Waste District 2025 budget at 9:42 a.m. Hearing no comments from the public Amy Grocox made the motion to close the public hearing. Kyle Gardner seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Charlie Smith opened the Regular Session Meeting at 9:44 a.m.

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

The next Regular Scheduled Council meeting will be October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, for Budget Adoptions

/Charles Smith/  
Charles Smith, Chairman

/Absent/  
Scott Barnes

/Denny Corn/  
Denny Corn

/Janet Kile/  
Janet Kile

/Kyle Gardner/  
Kyle Gardner

/Carl Harcourt/  
Carl Harcourt

/Amy Grocox/  
Amy Grocox

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/  
Tammy Justice, Auditor