

## **REGULAR MEETING RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL October 8, 2024**

The Rush County Council met for the regular Rush County Council meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. with County Council Members Charlie Smith, Amy Grocox, Janet Kile, Kyle Gardner, Carl Harcourt present. Denny Corn was present by phone. Scott Barnes was not present. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Leigh Morning were also present.

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

Minutes of the September 10, 2024, Regular Session meeting was presented. Amy Grocox made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **POSEY TOWNSHIP BUDGET 2025**

- Due to the Posey Township Advisory Board having Posey Township volunteer firefighters on their board, I.C. 36-1-23-2 states the fiscal body of Rush County must review and adopt their budget. Monty McMahan was present to answer any questions the board may have. After reviewing the proposed budget, Amy Grocox made the motion to approve Ordinance 2024-12 adopting the 2025 budget for Posey Township. Kyle Gardner seconded. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **AUDITOR**

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval from the Council to transfer \$2,000.00 from 1000.10246.00000.0002 Part-time to 1000.30002.00000.0002 Travel. Amy Grocox moved to allow the transfer. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval from the Council to transfer \$500,000.00 from County General to Rainy Day at the directive of FSG. Kyle Gardner moved to allow the transfer from County General to Rainy Day. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Council that the SBOA indicated all transfers from fund to fund must go through the Fiscal Body. It was found during the SBOA audit a transfer in January 2024 where \$255,764.35 was moved from fund 2505 RCCC User Fee Fund to fund 1122 Community Corrections Work. The minutes need to notate the approval of this transfer. Amy Grocox moved to approve the transfer. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval from the Council for an amended 2024 Salary Ordinance. Amy Grocox moved to approve the amended 2024 Salary Ordinance. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval from the Council for the 2025 Rush County Calendar. Kyle Gardner moved to approve the 2025 Rush County Calendar. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Council that the DLGF acknowledges the County has submitted the required information for the LIT rate change for the volunteer fire departments, and the information has been accepted by the state.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

- Director Jodi Harr advised the Council the Personnel Committee made a recommendation to the Commissioners regarding employee vacation pay and payout. After discussion the Commissioners made a motion that an employee who has not used all their earned vacation time by their anniversary date, will have up to five (5) days transferred to sick time. If the employee has already accumulated 600 hours of sick time, the employee will be paid out up to five (5) days of vacation time. This motion is approved as long as the County Council agrees to fund it. Amy Grocox moved to approve the recommendation from the Commissioners and fund the vacation pay-out. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr requested the Council notify her if they would like her to work on anything in 2025. Carl Harcourt discussed updating the job classifications.

## **CLERK**

- Clerk Angie Buckley requested approval from the Council to transfer \$3,000.00 from 1000.30002.00000.0104 Travel to 1000.10106.00000.0104 Board Members. Kyle Gardner moved to allow the transfer. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **SHERIFF**

- Sheriff Allan Rice requested approval from the Council for an Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$20,000.00 in fund 1170 LIT Public Safety County Share. Kyle Gardner moved to approve the Additional Appropriation. Seconded by Janet Kile. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Allan Rice requested approval from the Council to apply for the Rush Shelby Operation Round Up Grant in the amount of \$2,084.61 with no county match. The purpose of the grant is to purchase three (3) Alco-Sensor FST Breathalyzer with Mini Alcohol Gas Can, referred to as a PBT. Amy Grocox moved to apply for the Rush Shelby Operation Round Up Grant. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Allan Rice discussed with the Council that Voya Financial has announced the definitive agreement to acquire OneAmerica Financials full-service retirement plan business. Sheriff Rice advised the Pension Board

has recommended changing to Baird Trust and would like the Council's approval. Kyle Gardner moved to approve Baird Trust. Seconded by Amy Grocox. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Council regarding the on-going fundraisers for the K-9 fund.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Council that First Responders will be having a Trunk or Treat on October 19, 2024, in the parking lot of the Rush County Sheriff Department.
- Charlie Smith discussed with the Council the information provided to the Sheriff regarding sending additional funds to the Sheriff Retirement Plan.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Council regarding a water leak at the jail that had the water shut off for approximately 7 hours. Choice Mechanical was called in to repair the leak.

### **COURT SERVICES**

- Auditor Tammy Justice for Director Ashley Stevens requested approval from the Council for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$60,921.00 in fund 8119 CFDA #93.788 IN State Opioid. Amy Grocox moved to approve the additional appropriation. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **2025 BUDGET**

- The first reading of the Rush County Solid Waste Budget was held. Adopted budget of \$156,764.00. Adopted Tax Levy of \$167,911.00. Adopted Tax Rate of 0.0153. Carl Harcourt moved to approve the first reading of the Rush County Solid Waste Budget. Seconded by Janet Kile. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- The first reading of Rush County's 2025 Budget was held. Adopted budget of rated funds \$18,561,006.00. Adopted Tax Levy of rated funds \$8,844,007.00. Adopted Tax Rate 0.7937. Home Ruled Funds in the amount of \$5,942,022.00 for a total county budget of \$24,503,028.00. Amy Grocox moved to approve the first reading of Rush County's 2025 Budget. Seconded by Janet Kile. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **MISC**

- County Attorney Leigh Morning requested approval from the Council for an Allowable Cost Policy that is required by SBOA. Amy Grocox moved to adopt the Allowable Cost Policy. Seconded by Janet Kile. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- John McCane with Rush County Economic Development requested approval from the Council to apply for an EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 with no county match. The purpose of the grant is to assess sites/property for potential economic development. Amy Grocox moved to approve applying for the EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant. Seconded by Janet Kile. Roll Call Denny Corn Aye, Amy Grocox Aye, Janet Kile Aye, Kyle Gardner Aye, Carl Harcourt Aye. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- John McCane with Rush County Economic Development updated the Council with community updates.
- Commissioner Kenny Aulbach updated the Council on the acquisition of Dr. Sickbert's office located at 620 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville.

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

The next Regular Scheduled Council meeting will be October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, for Budget Adoption.

/Charles Smith/  
Charles Smith, Chairman

/Abstain/  
Scott Barnes

/Denny Corn/  
Denny Corn

/Janet Kile/  
Janet Kile

/Kyle Gardner/  
Kyle Gardner

/Absent/  
Carl Harcourt

/Amy Grocox/  
Amy Grocox

ATTEST:

/Heather Carlton/  
Heather Carlton, Auditor Assistant