

## **REGULAR MEETING    RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL    March 12, 2025**

The Rush County Council met for the regular Rush County Council meeting on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. with County Council Members Charlie Smith, Denny Corn, Amy Grocox, Janet Kile, Kyle Gardner, Scott Barnes and Carl Harcourt present. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Grant Reeves were also present.

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

Commissioner Jeff Wilson was present at 9:00 a.m. via Teams.

Minutes of the February 12, 2025, Regular Session meeting was presented. Amy Grocox 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 a Resolution Distributing a Portion of the Public Safety Revenue to the County PSAP and to the Volunteer Fire Departments for approval. Denny Corn moved to approve the Resolution. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Council there had been an error in the IV-D funds involving fund 8897 and 8899 in 2024. A transfer was done in 2025 moving the funds to the correct fund numbers.
- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Council the job description that was previously sent to them for the part-time apprentice in the Surveyor's Office needs approved. Denny Corn moved to approve the job description. Seconded by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Council with a transfer from 1000.30234.00000.0006 Surveyor's Apprentice to 1000.10018.00000.0006 Part-Time in the amount of \$30,000.00 for approval. Scott Barnes moved to approve the transfer. Seconded by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ron Jarman entered the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

### **SHERIFF**

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Council there had been a clerical error and an encumbrance was not done for the \$49,558.91 taser payment. Sheriff Rice requested approval for an additional appropriation for the taser payment. After discussing where funds would come from for the additional appropriation, the Council advised the Sheriff to work with the Auditor to find funds within the 2025 budget to make this payment.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Council he would be working with County Attorney Grant Reeves on a commissary spending ordinance.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Council a new ordinance is needed to increase the fees for public records requests.

## **TREASURER**

- Treasurer Susan Spaeth advised the Council the 2024 payable 2025 tax statements could possibly be mailed on April 3, 2025.

## **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

- Dixie Meyer updated the Council regarding the negative balance in fund 8130 CFDA 93.268 Immunization Coop stating the State had issued reimbursement which took care of the negative balance.

## **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 for fund 8132 CFDA #93.788 IN State Opioid. Amy Grocox moved to approve the additional appropriation. Seconded by Scott Barnes. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **MISC**

- County Attorney Grant Reeves along with Jimmy Shanahan advised the Council the Economic Development Commission held a public hearing and agreed to proceed with the revenue bonds for the benefit of Hulsbosch Farms LLC. County Attorney Grant Reeves presented the Council with An Ordinance of Rush County, Indiana, Authorizing the County to Issue One or More Series of Its Economic Development Exempt Facility Revenue Bonds and Approving and Authorizing Other Actions in Respect Thereto for approval. Amy Grocox moved to adopt the Ordinance. Seconded by Kyle Gardner. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves presented the Council with a Limited Contract for Bond Issuance for approval. Amy Grocox moved to approve the Contract for Bond Issuance. Seconded by Janet Kile. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Clara Judd Executive Director of Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission spoke with the Council and advised them the board is working towards advancing EIRPC.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman advised the Council the Commissioners had recently increased the drainage board from three (3) members to five (5) and would need an additional \$5,000.00 budgeted for those two (2) members but could find the additional within the 2025 budget.
- John McCane updated the Council on the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Love Community Center.

Regular Meeting was recessed at 9:35 a.m. to hold a joint session with the Commissioners and FSG to discuss the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan, Future Budgets and Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Issuance of Economic Development Exempt Facility Revenue Bonds for the benefit of Hulsbosch Farms LLC.

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

The next Regular Scheduled Council meeting will be April 9, 2025.

/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

/Amy Grocox/  
Amy Grocox

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/  
Tammy Justice, Auditor