

## **REGULAR MEETING     RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL     May 14, 2025**

The Rush County Council met for the regular Rush County Council meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. with County Council Members Charlie Smith, Denny Corn, Amy Grocox, Janet Kile, Kyle Gardner and Carl Harcourt present. Auditor Tammy Justice was also present. County Attorney Grant Reeves was not present.

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

Commissioner roll call called at 9:00 a.m. with Ron Jarman, Jeff Wilson and Kenny Aulbach present.

Minutes of April 9, 2025, Regular Session meeting was presented. Amy Grocox made the motion to approve the minutes. Second, by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes of May 5, 2025, Joint Session with the Commissioners was presented. Carl Harcourt made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Janet Kile. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Council Member Scott Barnes arrived at the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

### **AUDITOR**

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval from the Council to transfer \$2,500.00 from 1000.40052.00000.0068 Council Use Only to 1000.100274.00000.0068 Drainage Board Member 5, and to transfer \$2,500.00 from 1000.40052.00000.0068 Council Use Only to 1000.100275.00000.0068 Drainage Board Member 6. Kyle Gardner moved to allow the transfer. Second, by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Council with Ordinance 2024-14 Amended 05.14.2025 Salary Ordinance for approval. This amendment establishes the two (2) new drainage board members. Amy Grocox moved to approve the amended salary ordinance. Second, by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **SHERIFF**

- Sheriff Allan Rice requested approval from the Council for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$50,000.00 in fund 1170 LIT Public Safety County Share for the taser payment. Amy Grocox moved to approve the additional appropriation. Second, by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Allan Rice requested approval from the Council for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$77,000.00 in fund 1222 Rush County E911 for the INDIGITAL and Spilman upgrades. It was noted that the Spilman upgrade will be paid over a two (2) year period with the second payment being budgeted for in 2026. Amy Grocox moved to approve the additional appropriation. Seconded by Scott Barnes. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Council regarding repairs on the water heaters for the jail and the air conditioning unit for the dispatch area.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Council that Road Deputy Cody Russell graduated from the academy and is now actively on duty. Deputies Alex Sasher and James Kinman are currently at the academy.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Council on his department's yearly training and certification hours.

## MISC

- Councilman Charlie Smith updated the Council on the DLGF requirements for the LIT Public Safety Funds for the volunteer fire departments and presented Interlocal Agreements along with a resolution to rectify the re-allocation of LIT Public Safety Funds. 1) Interlocal Agreement between Rush County, Indiana, and the Town of Carthage, Indiana Regarding 2025 LIT Distribution for Volunteer Fire Departments in Rush County in the amount of \$4,589.61 was presented for approval. Kyle Gardner moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Carthage. Second, by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried. 2) Interlocal Agreement between Rush County, Indiana, and the Town of Glennwood, Indiana Regarding 2025 LIT Distribution for Volunteer Fire Departments in Rush County in the amount of \$1,083.85 was presented for approval. Amy Grocox moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Glenwood. Seconded by Carl Harcourt. All were in favor. Motion carried. 3) Interlocal Agreement between Rush County, Indiana, and the City of Rushville, Indiana Regarding 2025 LIT Distribution for Volunteer Fire Departments in Rush County in the amount of \$106,619.90 was presented for approval. Denny Corn moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement based on approval from the Rushville City Council. Second, by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried. 4) Resolution 2025-7 A Resolution of the Rush County Council to Correct the Allocation of Local Income Tax (LIT) Public Safety Funds for 2025 and to Pledge Re-Allocation to Volunteer Fire Departments in the amount of \$144,290.64 for the county's portion was presented for approval. Amy Grocox moved to approve Resolution 2025-7. Seconded by Scott Barnes. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman passed out a longevity spreadsheet and advised the Council that recommendations would be made during the 2026 budget process.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman updated the Council on the recent AIC Budget and Finance class regarding SB1.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman updated the Council on the courthouse concrete and landscaping projects as well as the newly placed generator.
- Councilman Charlie Smith inquired where IT is at regarding livestreaming meetings that is required effective July 1, 2025. Commissioner Ron Jarman advised Rush County is already livestreaming but would check with IT Director Randy Herbert to confirm.
- ECDC Director John McCane advised the Council Abe Keim's CF-1 forms for his real and personal property abatements were turned into the auditor, however, they were not signed and needed tweaked and then would be resubmitted. Charlie Smith advised McCane that it was not the responsibility of the Auditor to call and remind property owners requesting abatements that their forms were due. McCane stated he tries to contact and remind property owners requesting abatements, as a courtesy, if he sees forms have not been submitted prior to the deadline of May 15<sup>th</sup>.

- ECDC Director John McCane at the request of Kyle Gardner gave a READI 2.0 funds release and project update.
- Councilman Charlie Smith advised the Council that FSG has advised the County’s Constitutional Debt Limit is \$9,849,660.00 leaving \$7,359,000.00 of available debt. Smith also stated a 15-million-dollar bond would be an increase of \$2.03 per acre, on bare farm ground, over a 15-year period.

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

The next Regular Scheduled Council meeting will be June 11, 2025.

<u>/Charlie Smith/</u>	<u>/Scott Barnes/</u>	<u>/Denny Corn/</u>
Charles Smith, Chairman	Scott Barnes	Denny Corn

<u>/Janet Kile/</u>	<u>/Kyle Gardner/</u>	<u>/Carl Harcourt/</u>
Janet Kile	Kyle Gardner	Carl Harcourt

<u>/Amy Grocox/</u>
Amy Grocox

ATTEST:

<u>/Tammy Justice/</u>
Tammy Justice, Auditor