

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. with Norman Winkler, Chairman, Warren Norris, Gerald Mohr, Janet Kile, Bruce Levi, Kevin Spilman, Jerry Kent, Leigh Morning, Attorney, and Deborah Adams, Auditor in attendance.

Chairman, Norman Winkler called the meeting to order. Minutes of the April 20, 2011 meeting were approved on a motion by Gerald Mohr, seconded by Warren Norris. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR

Mary Ann Bridges, Assessor, appeared before the council to respond to the letter regarding the proposed budget cuts to the Assessor's budget. Bridges explained that she had no problem with the budget cuts, but she needs to continue her education.

Bridges asked that this be allowed from the sales disclosure fund. Bridges explained that the Sales Disclosure fund is utilized for training. Bridges continued to share that she needs to continue the education for her Level III certification. She also wants to provide continuing education for her staff.

Bridges asked County Attorney Leigh Morning for her opinion regarding the usage of the Sales Disclosure Fund. Bridges provided a copy of I.C. 6-1.1-5.5-4.5 Morning reviewed the code and said it would be OK for the fund to be utilized towards the education.

OCRA GRANT

Nick White, Anderson Twp. Fire Dept. Chief, shared his disappointment and concerns that Anderson Twp. Fire Dept. was not receiving a larger share of the OCRA monies that were being distributed.

Jeff Sherwood explained that the committee did not take into consideration the \$1,875.00 that Milroy Vol. Fire Dept. had already received.

The council informed White that they only approve the appropriation. The council informed White that they had instructed the Commissioners to come up with a fair and equitable way of distributing the money. White was informed that the commissioners approved the committee's recommendation this past Monday during their regular scheduled meeting. The council encouraged White to take any further concerns before the commissioners.

Jerry Kent made the motion to approve the \$44,578.77 Additional Appropriation for (1-19-3-48) OCRA-Vol Training. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK/ELECTION

Debbie Richardson, Clerk, offered changes to the proposed budget reductions within the Clerk and Election Budgets.

AREA PLAN

Bill Todd, Area Plan Director, offered changes to the proposed budget reductions within his budget.

Todd reported that a meeting had been held with Coors Engineering and the DNR regarding the flood study of Hodges Branch. Todd questioned Leigh Morning if she was writing a contract for Coors Engineering. Morning indicated that she was not aware that she was needed to do so. Todd shared that he felt one should be prepared and signed before any work was begun.

Todd reported that the Cherry Street project went before the Drainage Board on Monday.

Todd also shared that during times when he or his secretary is unable to be in the office a sign would be placed on the office door indicating when they would return.

PURDUE EXTENSION

Kristie Amos, Purdue Extension Agent, reported that 4-H enrollment is up for 2011. The enrollment for 2011 is 531 and during 2010 the enrollment was 508. Amos shared that this will be their first year without a summer assistant, but their office will accommodate the budget cuts.

TREASURER

Mary Ann Beard, Treasurer, reported that the Congressional School Funds of \$23,000.00 are currently invested in Series HH Bonds for 10 years.

Beard shared that tax collections are going well. The lock box method worked well. Beard indicated that she is looking at options for the younger generation, but fees are involved.

SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported thirty-five (35) inmates currently incarcerated in the Rush County jail. Sherwood reported that the new deputy truck and car have arrived and with the total trade in value was at the amount appropriated.

Sherwood shared with the council that he was OK with the jail budget cuts.

Sherwood discussed the Prosecutor restitution money received of \$750.00. Sherwood shared that his thoughts would be that it would go back to the RUFF task force for the medical

cost and the replacement and damage to the deputy's gun belt and clothing. Deborah will check with the SBOA (State Board of Accounts) for final recommendations.

Discussion was held to make the \$180,000.00 sheriff retirement trust payment in the spring.

Discussion was held regarding the recent high water. Janet Kile questioned Sherwood of the "High Water" sign located at Carthage. Sherwood explained the sign. Verlin Custer shared thoughts of liability concerns for the county if placing a permanent sign.

Discussion was also held regarding the installing of flood gates in the county. It was shared that the flood gate committee meets Thursday, May 12, 2011. Sherwood shared that there has been received negative response of the gates following the media sharing the story. Sherwood noted, "it isn't the kids; it is the people of the area". Sherwood indicated that less than half a dozen had been retrieved out of the recent high waters.

RAINY DAY FUND

Discussed Rainy Day Resolution and to consider creating in July

RUSH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AMBULANCE FUND

Discussion was held. Jerry Kent shared his thoughts that we must decide at some point how much we want to fund the ambulance.

BUDGET REDUCTIONS

Jerry Kent made the motion for the auditor to prepare a line 2 budget reduction as presented to be approved during the June meeting. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Janet Kile asked that a letter be prepared thanking office holders/department heads for making additional cuts within their budgets.

HEALTH

The Additional appropriation will be heard during a special meeting scheduled for May. A quorum is necessary. Deborah thanked the council.

SALARY ORDINANCE

The amended salary ordinance 2010-2 was approved on a motion by Jerry Kent, seconded by Warren Norris. Motion carried.

AMENDED 2011 SALARY ORDINANCE # 2010-2

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF RUSH COUNTY, INDIANA:

SECTION 1

The salaries and wages of the officials and employees for the various departments of the County of Rush, Indiana, for the year 2011, shall be as follows:

90% salary for 90 days of full time employment. After 90 days, employee receives 100% pay. Part-time employees moving to full time will be credited for hours of time worked against average number of hours to be worked full time in the 90 day period for

All part-time rates **up to** the stated hourly rate.

SECTION 2

This ordinance hereby amends the previous ordinance by the inclusion of personnel. The addition/change of personnel, salary and benefits are as follows:

DESCRIPTION	SALARY	HOURS WORKED	BI-WEEKLY RATE	HOURLY RATE
FUND 1 COUNTY GENERAL				
Department 1 - Clerk				
Clerk	\$35,152.00	n/a	\$1,352.00	
Deputy Clerk (8 each @)	\$26,572.00	64	\$1,022.00	\$15.97
Part time Not Allowed				\$0.00
Department 2- Auditor				
Auditor	\$35,152.00	n/a	\$1,352.00	
Deputy Auditor (4 each @)	\$26,572.00	64	\$1,022.00	\$15.97
Part time Not Allowed				\$0.00
Department 3 - Treasurer				
Treasurer	\$35,152.00	n/a	\$1,352.00	
Deputy Treasurer (2 each @)	\$26,572.00	64	\$1,022.00	\$15.97
Part time	\$1,150.00			\$10.50
Department 4 - Recorder				
Recorder	\$35,152.00	n/a	\$1,352.00	
Deputy Recorder	\$26,572.00	64	\$1,022.00	\$15.97
Part time Not Allowed				\$0.00
DESCRIPTION	SALARY	HOURS WORKED	BI-WEEKLY RATE	HOURLY RATE
Department 5 - Sheriff				
*Sheriff Contract	\$62,800.00	n/a	\$2,415.00	
Chief Deputy-Duane Raab	\$45,968.00	86	\$1,768.00	\$20.56
Deputy	\$33,462.00	86	\$1,287.00	\$14.97
Deputy - Hedrick	\$33,462.00	86	\$1,287.00	\$14.97
Deputy - Chandler	\$41,080.00	86	\$1,580.00	\$18.37
Deputy - Sliger	\$41,158.00	86	\$1,583.00	\$18.41
Sgt/Detective - Gosser	\$42,380.00	86	\$1,630.00	\$18.95
*Deputy - Houston	\$39,364.00	86	\$1,514.00	\$17.60
*Sergeant - Drake	\$39,078.00	86	\$1,503.00	\$17.48
*Deputy - Brinson	\$37,258.00	86	\$1,433.00	\$16.66
*Deputy - Keith	\$37,076.00	86	\$1,426.00	\$16.58
*No longevity pay				

Administrator	\$26,572.00	64	\$1,022.00	\$15.97
Department 19 - Commissioners				
Commissioners (3 each @)	\$20,202.00	n/a	\$777.00	
Council Chairman	\$5,460.00	n/a	\$210.00	
Councilmen (6 each @)	\$5,122.00	n/a	\$197.00	
Board of Review (2 each @)	\$1,068.00			\$10.50
Department 21 - Drainage Board				
Member (3 each @)	\$2,782.00	n/a	\$107.00	
extra member	\$110.00	per year		
Department 22 - Veterans Services				
Veterans Service Officer	\$3,068.00	semi annual	\$1,534.00	
Department 23 - Area Plan Commission				
Executive Director	\$35,152.00	n/a	\$1,352.00	
Secretary	\$26,572.00	64	\$1,022.00	\$15.97
Part time Not Allowed				\$0.00
Department 24 - Public Defender				
Public Defender-Chief Public Defender	\$92,680.00	n/a	\$3,564.62	
Public Defender-Deputy	\$18,278.00	n/a	\$703.00	
Secretary	\$26,572.00	64	\$1,022.00	\$15.97
Legal Asst/Investigator	\$26,572.00	64	\$1,022.00	\$15.97
Department 25 - Soil/Water				
Office Manager	\$26,572.00	64	\$1,022.00	\$15.97
Part time Educator		49		\$10.50
Department 27 - GIS				
GIS Technician	\$13,286.00	32	\$511.00	\$15.97
Part time Not Allowed				\$0.00
Department 29 - EMA				
EMA Director	\$12,324.00	n/a	\$474.00	
Department 30 - I-T				
I-T Technican	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
DESCRIPTION	SALARY	HOURS WORKED	BI-WEEKLY RATE	HOURLY RATE
FUND 2 HIGHWAY				
Department 201 - Highway Administration				
Superintendent	\$42,926.00	n/a	\$1,651.00	
Assistant Superintendent	\$38,740.00	80	\$1,490.00	\$18.63
Clerical	\$31,616.00	80	\$1,216.00	\$15.20
Department 202 - Highway Maintenance				
Drivers, Operators, Laborers				\$15.20
Mechanic				\$16.70
Summer Help				\$10.50
FUND 8 HEALTH				
Department - Health				

Health Officer	\$17,706.00	n/a	\$681.00	
Clerical	\$26,572.00	64	\$1,022.00	\$15.97
Nurse Supervisor	\$39,754.00	64	\$1,529.00	\$23.89
Staff Nurse	\$38,324.00	64	\$1,474.00	\$23.03
Environmental Health/Sanitarian	\$31,018.00	64	\$1,193.00	\$18.64
Part time				\$10.50
Health Board - Elected Official	\$540.00	per mtg	\$45.00	
Part time Assistant Sanitarian 2nd-4th Qtrs 2011				\$10.50
FUND 19 CUM CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT				
Department - Cum Capital				
GIS Technician	\$13,286.00	32	\$511.00	\$15.97
IT Technician	\$46,306.00	64	\$1,781.00	\$27.82
FUND 26 JUVENILE PROBATION USER FEES				
Chief Probation Officer	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Assistant Probation Officer	\$0.00			\$0.00
FUND 27 ADULT PROBATION USER FEES				
Department - Adult Probation				
Probation Assistant	\$26,572.00	64	\$1,022.00	\$15.97
FUND 35 PRE TRIAL DIVERSION				
Department - Pre Trial Diversion				
Part Time				\$10.50
FUND 44 WORK RELEASE				
Department - Work Release				
Part time				\$10.50
FUND 99 REASSESSMENT				
Department - Reassessment				
Full Time Deputy Not Allowed	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Part time				\$10.50
FUND 104 CLERK PERPETUATION				
Department - Clerk - Perpetuation				
Part time				\$10.50
FUND 107 HEALTH MAINT TOBACCO				
Department - Health				
Aide Salaries				\$10.50
Pt Sanitarian - 1st Qtr 2011 Only	\$6,720.00			\$20.00
FUND 111 IV-D COUNTY				
Department - IV-D County				
Deputy Prsecutor	\$23,660.00	n/a	\$910.00	
FUND 160 INFRACTION DEFERRAL				
Department - Infraction Deferral				
Part time				\$10.50
DESCRIPTION	SALARY	HOURS WORKED	BI-WEEKLY RATE	HOURLY RATE

FUND 163 - E911				
Department - E911 Dispatchers				
Chief Dispatcher	\$34,008.00	80	\$1,308.00	\$16.35
Sergeant Dispatcher	\$31,044.00	80	\$1,194.00	\$14.93
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Dispatcher		80	\$1,114.00	\$13.92
Part time				\$10.50
FUND 167 PUBLIC DEFENDER - Supplemental				
Department - Public Defender - Supplemental				
Public Defender	\$0.00	n/a	\$0.00	
FUND 200 WIRELESS E911				
Department - Wireless E911 Dispatchers				
Dispatcher	\$28,964.00	80	\$1,114.00	\$13.92

DULY ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF May, 2011.

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/s/Norman L. Winkler

/s/Warren Norris

/s/ Gerald Mohr

/s/Janet D. Kile

/s/Bruce W. Levi

/s/Kevin Spilman

/s/ Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

/s/ Deborah C. Adams

DEBORAH C. ADAMS, AUDITOR

Motion to adjourn was initiated by Jerry Kent. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion, motion carried.

/s/Norman L. Winkler
Norman Winkler, Chairman

/s/Warren Norris
Warren Norris

/s/Gerald Mohr
Gerald Mohr

/s/Janet Kile
Janet Kile

/s/Bruce Levi
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/s/Kevin Spilman
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/s/Jerry Kent
Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

/s/Deborah C. Adams
Deborah C. Adams, Auditor