

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. with Norman Winkler, Chairman, John Pavey, Gerald Mohr, Warren Norris, 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 September 15 and September 16, 2010 meeting were presented. Prior to approval of the minutes Chairman Norman Winkler asked Adams for a correction in the Surveyor portion of the minutes. Winkler shared his thoughts as to how the council minutes should contain only basic motions and not as much council conversation as presented. Adams did amend the minutes and offered to record future council meetings to assist with clarification. County Attorney Leigh Morning was consulted as to what should be included in the minutes. Morning informed everyone that the person recording the minutes should remain neutral, unbiased and not one sided, having no malice when recording the happenings of the meeting. Adams explained that being two (2) days of budget hearings and adoptions there was a lot of conversation shared that needed recorded and nothing personal was inserted. Adams noted that often information not recorded is questioned later in the year for clarification. Jerry Kent made the motion to accept the minutes as amended. Gerald Mohr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DRAINAGE BOARD

Tom Barnes, Commissioner President, appeared before the Council to discuss the Wycoff-Glidden-Goldman drain and the Sam Young drain Loan. Barnes spoke at how Rees as Surveyor has been very aggressive for the Rush County area drainage property owners. Barnes submitted the yearly drainage expense report listing all county drains reflecting the past nine (9) year increase.

Barnes explained that another project is planned for the near future. The Williams-Williams drain is at least a 50,000 acre drain in the Mays area and needs to be handled correctly. Barnes explained that the interest is part of the project and that the land owners understand this even if they pay up front.

Barnes reported that the Drainage Board has established a board policy where the interest is paid by all of the landowners. Barnes submitted and reviewed the Wycoff -Glidden-Goldman drain and the Sam Young drain loan schedule with the council explaining that the interest needed is \$54,907.07 Norman Winkler asked if the interest could come out of the Maintenance fund. Tom Barnes informed Winkler that No the monies need to come from the individuals. Gerald Mohr asked if the council would be setting a precedent. Leigh Morning explained No, since the policy has been established now by the Drainage Board.

Leigh Morning explained that the two drains were combined into one loan. Morning explained that perhaps the reason the Resolution was written so that the landowners were not responsible for the interest was because there were two (2) projects being covered by one (1)

loan, and that there might be some difficulty sorting out who was responsible for what part of the interest.

The council looked at the Rainy Day fund (#119) balance of \$268,603.77 and the Riverboat Fund (#150) of \$133,698.27

Discussion was held on the unpaid Mud Creek Loan balance of \$100,000.00 Marvin Rees explained that the loan could not be paid off early. Leigh Morning did question Rees as to if he had asked the bank about prepayment of the early interest. Jerry Kent stressed that we owe it to the people to be most efficient in the manner of the use of their money.

John Pavey did question Marvin Rees as to if the county could pay the interest of the Wycoff-Sam Young Drain loan early. Deborah Adams suggested if approved, that the county move forward paying the total necessary interest monies into the Drain Maintenance Fund. Adams explained this would provide a smoother paper and audit trail.

Gerald Mohr made the motion to pay the \$54,907.07 interest for the Wycoff-Glidden-Goldman drain and the Sam Young drain Loan out of the Riverboat Fund (#150) in the best arrangement that Surveyor Marvin Rees can come up with. John Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE

Commissioner Tom Barnes reported on the heating and cooling problems, air compressor replacement to the boiler. Barnes also reported of the items that have been addressed following the Downey Insurance audit.

COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Tom Barnes was questioned to the commissioner's thoughts on a county 4-day work week. Barnes reported that the commissioners have not done any research into any savings of a 4-day work week. Bruce Levi did stress that customer service is important. Barnes finished by saying that until a recommendation is received from the council the commissioners will not act upon it.

SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported forty-four (44) inmates housed in the Rush County jail of which two (2) are DOC.

Sherwood reported that during budget hearings it was discussed that the necessary pay to bring Matt Hedrick up to deputy's base pay following his probation period is \$1,400.00

Sherwood reported that Kris Calloway of Morgan Stanley reported that the sheriff pension was up 5.2% for the year. Calloway had reported that the market was volatile and currently wanted to pull a portion of the money away and invest in a safety net for a while.

The council approved the sheriff's two (2) year contract that is effective January 1, 2011 on a motion by Kevin Spilman. Seconded by Gerald Mohr. Motion carried. The base compensation is in the amount of \$62,800.00

ASSESSOR

JoAnn Herbert, Assessor, reported that Intat did file an amended Personal Property return in a total of \$1,190,910.00 in assessed value (1,124,020/TIF and 66,890/Non-TIF). Intat had until November 16th to file an appeal that will affect the 2010 pay 2011 taxes. Deborah Adams reported that this will be applied as a Correction of Error by her office following the abstract.

Herbert reported that deputy Tammy Justice last day in the Assessors office is effective October 22, 2010. Herbert reported that she felt the proper thing was to offer the position to Mary Ann Bridges. Herbert continued by saying she will not hire an additional deputy but will allow Bridges to fill this position later when she begins her position as County Assessor in 2011.

Herbert asked for a \$3,000.00 transfer of funds from Reassessment- Data Input (99-1000-2-2) into Reassessment-Extra Help (99-1000-1-2) Warren Norris made motion to allow the transfer. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HEALTH

Deborah Adams asked for clarification from the council in regards to the health department's 2011 budgets. The council clarified that employees are not to receive raises in 2011. Bruce Levi will talk to the health board informing them that this will be handled thru the salary ordinance for 2011.

MISC.

- The council approved the 2011 calendar subject to change on a motion by Jerry Kent. Seconded by Kevin Spilman. Motion carried.
- The November council meeting was moved to Wednesday, November 17, 2010 on motion by John Pavey. Seconded by Jerry Kent. Motion carried.
- Appointments for the 2011 calendar year will be made during the November meeting. Deborah Adams will forward the current appointment listing

Motion to adjourn was initiated by Bruce Levi. John Pavey seconded the motion, motion carried.

<u>/s/Norman Winkler</u>	<u>/s/John Pavey</u>	<u>/s/Gerald Mohr</u>
Norman Winkler, Chairman	John Pavey	Gerald Mohr

<u>/s/Warren Norris</u>	<u>/s/Bruce Levi</u>	<u>/s/Kevin Spilman</u>
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Warren Norris

Bruce Levi

Kevin Spilman

/s/Jerry Kent

Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

/s/Deborah C. Adams

Deborah C. Adams, Auditor