

**REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY 26, 2020**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, May 16, 2020 with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson and Bruce Levi present. Auditor Jodi Harr and County Attorney Leigh Morning were also in attendance. The Public was invited in person, by conference call and by zoom.

Commissioner Mark Bacon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge to the American Flag.

**MINUTES**

- Minutes of the regular meeting held on May 11, 2020 were approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson. Seconded by Bruce Levi. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS**

- Accounts Payable claims for May 29, 2020 in the amount of \$244,011.17 were presented. Auditor Harr questioned the Cintas claim for the jail and Car Clinic claim for the sheriff department. After discussion Bruce Levi made the motion to pay all of the accounts payable claims as presented. Seconded by Mark Bacon. Paul Wilkinson No. Bacon and Levi Yes. Motion carried.

**PAYROLL**

- Payroll for May 29, 2020 in the amount of \$192,912.01 was approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson. Seconded by Bruce Levi. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**JAIL CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS**

- Jail Construction Claims to be paid from LIT Special Purpose funds for May 26, 2020 in the amount of \$6,323.34 were presented for payment. Discussion was held on the claim for Greiner Brothers in the amount of \$1,162.00. After discussion Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the claims minus the \$1,162.00 to Greiner Brothers. Seconded by Bruce Levi. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**TREASURER**

The April 2020 Treasurer report was received.

**AREA PLAN**

Area Plan Director Gregg Duke presented two rezones for approval of the county commissioners. Both were given a favorable recommendation by the Area Plan Commission at their May 13, 2020 public hearing.

- Terry Beard requested parcel number 70-11-05-153-012.000-010 containing 2.43 acres be rezoned from currently no zoning to commercial. The flood plain designation will remain on the property. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the rezone. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Glen and Ruby Hooten requested parcel number 70-11-05-128-003.000-010 containing 7.63 acres be rezoned from currently no zoning to residential. The flood plain designation will remain. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the rezone. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **COUNTY FARM**

Rusty Harmeyer requested the commissioners conduct an executive session regarding an economic development opportunity on the county farm land. The commissioners agreed to hold an executive session in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(2)(D) on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

### **COURTHOUSE ROOF REPAIR**

CHUBB insurance wants an itemized estimate of the roof damage due to a storm on 04/08/20. We have received an estimate from Blackmore and Buckner Roofing Co. LLC. The only way to get an itemized estimate is to have them bring the heavy equipment for the estimate and then bring it back to do the repairs. This would be an added cost. The estimate is \$27,920.00. Commissioner Wilkinson would like permission to have them go ahead and do the work when they come to do the itemized estimate. This roofing company is the one who did the roof work at the Hancock County Courthouse. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the work to be done at the same time as the itemized estimate. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **RIDE RUSH**

Resolution 2020-14 authorizing the filing of an application for a grant under section 5311/5339 of the federal transit act was presented by Ride Rush for the commissioner's approval. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **EXTENSION OFFICE**

Carly Holland reported that Purdue has said face to face work can resume on July 1, 2020 with restrictions. 4H events will be done virtually. July 19 through 25, 2020 will be a virtual 4H week. Their summer assistant will be starting to assist with virtual 4H.

### **SOLID WASTE DISTRICT**

Carole Yeend reported the next Tox Away Day will be June 6. There will be a virtual meeting regarding Broadband on May 28, 2020.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

The Health Department through grant money has purchased a vinyl lettering machine. Any offices that need signs or lettering for floors for COVID restrictions should let them know.

### **EMA**

EMA Director Chuck Kemker reported a weather incident in the Northwest part of the county. Trees down and power outages were reported. The national weather service said it was a microburst resulting in high winds, heavy rain and hail.

The COVID-19 task force is now only meeting on Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m.

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Allan Rice requested permission to close county road 700 West between 400 North and 500 North from noon until 10:00 p.m. on June 17, 2020 to conduct EVO training. Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton does not have any problem with it. Bruce Levi made the motion to allow the request. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

They are still looking for part time correction officers and a full time dispatcher.

Rice requested permission to apply for a Bullet Proof Vest grant. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Sherriff Rice requested permission to search the 2012 county highway truck that was involved in an accident. This will allow them to pull the black box from the vehicle. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **COVID-19 EMPLOYEE POLICY**

Fourth amended Rush County policy concerning COVID-19 was presented. It removes extension employees working from home. All County staff will no longer telework and will report to the courthouse unless there is a note from their doctor. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

An exception to the personnel policy for extension of the use of vacation time was presented. Due to employees being off for COVID-19 which has created staff shortages in some departments, it is proposed to allow the carryover of vacation days for 2020 until 2021. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the exception. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **JAIL CONSTRUCTION ISSUES**

John Painter sent the cost of changes for Stanley Convergent for the distress buttons to be removed. This work has been done. The cost of three cameras has been reduced to \$3,432.00. Ron Jarman and Randy Herbert will buy one camera to see if they can install it. The magnetic lock on the Jail Commander's office should report to the control room. Paul Wilkinson made

the motion to allow Stanley Convergent to install the lock. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Substantial Completion forms. The commissioners believe the date should be changed to the date that we moved in.

### **COURTHOUSE DOOR MATS**

Rush County Commissioners have a contract with Hassler Textiles to provide door mats to the courthouse entry ways. Hassler Textile was purchased by Universal Linen Services. Since the ownership change, the auditor has reported variance in charges with extra charges added. Plymate out of Shelbyville has provided an estimate for their services. It will result in a small savings. County Attorney Leigh Morning reviewed the contract with Hassler Textile and does not believe the contract is binding on the successors in interest to the parties. A letter was sent to Universal on May 15 requesting the intentions of the contract. No response has been received. Bruce Levi made the motion to send a letter to Universal giving them a 30 day notice of cancelling the contract and to contract with Plymate. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **HR**

HR Director Tony Personnet presented a request from the Community Corrections Department to allow some of their employees to work from home part of the time. Due to COVID-19, childcare has become a problem for a few of the staff. There is some of their work for them to do from home and there is a way for her to monitor the work. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the request. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Bruce Levi made the motion to adjourn. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

/Mark Bacon/  
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Paul Wilkinson/  
Paul Wilkinson

/Bruce Levi/  
Bruce Levi

ATTEST:

/Jodi Harr/  
Jodi Harr, Auditor