

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OCTOBER 26, 2020

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, October 26, 2020 with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson and Bruce Levi present. Auditor Jodi Harr and County Attorney Leigh Morning were also present.

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 October 13, 2020 were presented. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable claims for October 26, 2020 in the amount of \$438,399.66 were presented. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the claims. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for October 30, 2020 in the amount of \$195,988.58 was approved on a motion by Bruce Levi. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

JAIL CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS

Jail construction claims to be paid from the LIT Special Purpose Fund 1114 in the amount of \$445.76 was presented for approval. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the claims. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER

The September Treasurer report was received.

RECORDER

Rush County Recorder Kevin Spilman requested approval of his annual maintenance contracts with CSI Computers Systems Inc. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the Disaster Recovery Services Agreement, Microfilm Services Agreement, and Maintenance Agreement. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Spilman also requested approval of a county implementation process contract with Electronic Recording Services Provider (ERSP). This will allow outside agencies to file documents electronically. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the contract. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HEALTH DEPT

Julia Apple presented three new health board appointments for approval of the commissioners.

- Vicky Lindsay to be reappointed to serve from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Hannah Augsburger to replace Kendra Steible. The completion of the term will be October 20, 2020 through December 31, 2022. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Samuel Roller to replace Rachel Clark. The completion of the term will be November 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Apple presented a preliminary Animal Control Ordinance that she would like the commissioners to consider. She has worked with the City of Rushville and would like for the county to adopt the same ordinance.

She also gave an update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Rush County now has 247 positive cases. There is no event that can be tied to the increase. There is now free testing being offered at the RMH walk in clinic.

AREA PLAN

Area Plan Director Gregg Duke presented a request for approval to amend Section 7.10 of the official zoning ordinance text. It is related to regulated livestock A-3 and the forty acre rule. The Area Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation at their October 20, 2020 meeting and public hearing. Chairman Mark Bacon requested any input from anyone present at the meeting. Virgil Cramer, Elbert Gordon, Kermit Paris, Mike Wagner and Mark Bacon made comments. Duke gave a brief history of the 40 acre rule since the time he was appointed APC Director. The goal is to help the Ag community. He believes the APC has made some good changes but believes more changes need to happen. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the recommendation from the Area Plan Commission to regulated livestock A-3 and amendment to section 7.10 of the official zoning ordinance text. Bruce Levi seconded. Wilkinson and Levi voted Aye. Bacon vote Nay. Motion carried.

SHERIFF/JAIL

Jail Matron gave an update on the building issues at the new jail. The hot water issue seems to be resolved. She would like the commissioners to request one final walk through of the building before the warranty runs out. A full system flush of the water/sewage system needs to be done. The question is who will pay for it. She is under the impression that Greiner Brothers will not think they should pay it. The auditor is directed to watch for a claim from Greiner Brothers and bring to the attention of the commissioners if it is received. County Attorney Leigh Morning will do a letter to CCI requesting a copy of the last system flushing report.

Tate asked the commissioners who decided/gave approval for the one way sign by Main Street on the west side of the alley that runs east/west. After discussion it is believed the sign should have been placed by the new parking lot by the main entrance to the jail.

Sheriff Allan Rice emailed two quotes for K9 cages for the new vehicles. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the quote of \$3,350.00. If that is not the cage the sheriff wants, he can come to the next commissioner meeting and explain. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ELECTION

Rush County Clerk Angela Buckley reminded the commissioners that a couple of her employees will have comp time earned during election. It will be minimal and will be used within thirty days. They are averaging 120 absentee voters per day.

The guidelines were presented for election night at the courthouse. The candidate plus two other people will be allowed to enter the courthouse after 5:30 and go to the second floor hallway. They must vacate the courthouse no longer than thirty minutes after the final results of the election are posted. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the guidelines. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented request from Asphalt Materials Inc. to extend the 2020 liquid asphalt contract through the 2021 construction season. Sitton recommends accepting this extension. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HEALTH INSURANCE

The Administrative Services Agreement between UMR, Inc. and Rush County Employee Health Plan was presented for approval. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COVID 19

The commissioners discussed the current COVID 19 situation in Rush County. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve a memo to go to all county employees regarding safety measures to help slow the spread of COVID 19 and the plan on measures that will be taken regarding opening/closing the courthouse should the need arise. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

2021 CALENDAR

Auditor Jodi Harr presented the 2021 Rush County holiday and meeting schedule for approval. Incoming Commissioner Ron Jarman discussed having some of the meetings at night to allow more public participation. Now that meetings are going to be broadcast live and be recorded for

future viewing, he does not feel like it is as big of an issue. Paul Wilkinson is concerned if we only do part of the meetings at night there will be confusion on the times. Harr commented her office would lose a day processing of payroll which would mean payroll may not get deposited on Friday of the week the meetings are at night. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the calendar as presented with all meetings being at 9:00 a.m. Mark Bacon seconded. Levi abstained since he will no longer be commissioners as of January 1, 2021. Motion carried.

RIDE RUSH GRANT

The commissioners received an email from Tina Logan who is the Director of Ride Rush. Attached was a memo from INDOT regarding the grant oversight responsibilities of the commissioners. The grant is a pass through grant from the county commissioners to Ride Rush. Commissioner Wilkinson commented the county is doing the oversight just not in the format that INDOT would like to see it. The recommended spreadsheet from INDOT should be kept by Logan at Ride Rush. She should document when the commissioners stop at the Senior Center and when she comes to the commissioners meetings.

TAX SALE CERTIFICATE

The Town of Glenwood requested the commissioners assign the Tax Sale Certificate for property located at 70-08-33-227-003.000-013 206 Duron in Glenwood to the Town of Glenwood. The property was eligible for sale at the delinquent property tax sale held on October 5, 2020 and did not sell. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the assignment. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The City of Rushville requested the commissioners assign to them the following properties located in the City of Rushville:

- 70-11-05-153-007.000-011 210 N. Julian Street
- 70-11-06-208-001.000-011 509 W. Third Street
- 70-11-06-208-002.000-011 509 W. Third Street
- 70-11-06-264-005.000-011 214 S. Pearl Street

The properties were eligible for sale at the delinquent property tax sale held on October 5, 2020 and did not sell. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the assignments. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor.

It was agreed that the taxes need to be paid prior to the assignment to the municipalities. The county will waive the penalties and interest.

THANK YOU

Mike Wagner commended the commissioners and their staff for their dedication and the work they do for Rush County.

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