

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECEMBER 7, 2020

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 7, 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 November 20, 2020 were presented. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable claims for December 7, 2020 in the amount of \$178,579.39 were presented. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the claims. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for December 11, 2020 in the amount of \$203,511.68 was approved on a motion by Bruce Levi. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AREA PLAN

APC Director Gregg Duke requested approval to amend subsections 3 and 4, definition of a subdivision on pages 9 and 10 of the Subdivision Control Ordinance. The Area Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation at their public hearing on December 7, 2020. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

County Health Nurse Dixie Meyer updated the commissioners on the current COVID 19 pandemic. They are working on setting up a vaccination clinic. A Memorandum of Understanding between the Rush County Commissioners and Rush County Health Department was presented for approval. The county agrees to allow the use of the assembly room as a point of dispensing, equipment and staff necessary in the event of an emergency. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the memo of understanding. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLERK

Rush County Clerk Angela Buckley requested permission to advertise for a replacement of an employee who resigned. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

BROADBAND

Carole Yeend passed out a flyer that is being distributed requested the residents of Rush County log into the broadband website and do a speed test of their internet service. Their goal is to have 2,000 county and city residents to do the test.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITY CENTER

Ashley Stevens requested the commissioners approve the Juvenile Detention Services Agreement with Youth Opportunity Center. It is for 2021 in the amount of \$25,000 for 200 bed days. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the contract. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

JAIL

Megan Tate reported they found a significant amount of stone in the water line. They are still trying to resolve the issue and determine who is responsible.

Quotes were received from Evapar and Davis Recovery and Towing for the planned maintenance agreement for the new generator at the jail. There is a five year warranty on the Generac SD750 generator. Sheriff Rice recommends using a company who is certified with Generac during the warranty period. It is not known if Davis Recovery and Towing is certified with them. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the quote from Evapar for a one year contract. Mark Bacon seconded. Wilkinson and Bacon voted Aye. Levi voted Nay. Motion carried. It is noted they did not agree to the five year auto renewal. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to pay the entire amount of the contract in full prior to any services being rendered in order to receive a ten percent discount. Mark Bacon seconded. Wilkinson and Bacon voted Aye. Levi voted Nay. Motion carried.

DLZ and CCI have delayed the final walk through of the jail until January.

2021 BIDS

At 9:30 a.m. the commissioners opened the following bids:

- Fuel Bids
 - Highway received one bid from Harvest Land Co-op Inc. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to reject the bid because it has the clause stating the county would be responsible for gallons not used during the contract period. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.
 - Sheriff Fuel – no bids were received.
- Snow Removal and Salt Application
 - Jail Parking lot received bids from Vogel's and Bowles Construction.

- Parking lot on the south side of the courthouse received a bid from Vogel's.
- Bruce Levi made the motion to approve both bids from Vogel's. This is two separate contracts for the sheriff department and the parking lot. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Highway Crushed Gravel
 - Bids were received from Irving materials and CGS
 - Jerry Sitton recommends accepting both bids.
 - Paul Wilkinson made the motion to accept both bids. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Highway Crushed Stone
 - Bids were received from Derbyshire, St. Paul Stone and Rush County Stone
 - Jerry Sitton recommends accepting both bids.
 - Bruce Levi made the motion to accept both bids. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Kristi Amos announced that Rush County was selected by the Lilly Endowment Foundation to receive a five million dollar grant to build a community center.

HR

HR Director Tony Personett requested approval of an agreement with TrueScripts to continue to provide prescription coverage for county employees. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Personett requested permission to advertise for replacement of a retiring employee in community corrections. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The extension office has a request for an employee to work from home. They do have medical documentation. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2020-10 adopting an amendment to the personnel policies handbook was presented for approval. Personett, the personnel committee, department heads, county attorney, commissioners and Waggoner, Irwin and Scheel have worked for over a year to bring the handbook up to date. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the amended handbook. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CARES ACT/COVID 19

Rush County is eligible to receive an additional \$54,061 to utilize as part of the Safety Awareness CARES ACT funding. The COVID Task Force has developed a plan for the money.

A COVID Service Agreement between Board of Commissioners and Rushville Fire Department in the amount of \$3,000 was presented. City Fire Department EMS personnel will provide COVID education to county and city business. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A second COVID Service Agreement between Board of Commissioners and Rush County Schools in the amount of \$1,000 was also presented. The school video department will produce a video clip regarding the coronavirus pandemic to be used for public service announcements through any media outlet including radio, newspaper and school communications. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Health Department is working with Harcourt Outlines to do two educational mailings to all residence in Rush County. The quote amount is \$6,002.70. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

EMA Director Chuck Kemker presented a proposal from Leading Edge Design to purchase 2,500 mask to be distributed to county employees and local businesses. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

10:30 PAUL WILKINSON MADE THE MOTION TO RECESS FOR A DRAINAGE BOARD HEARING. BRUCE LEVI SECONDED. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

11:15 CHAIRMAN MARK BACON RECONVENED THE REGULAR COMMISSIONER MEETING.

2021 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

County Attorney Leigh Morning presented Ordinance 2020-11 adopting the 2021 Capital Improvement Plan for the use Economic Development funds. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT

The November 2020 Treasurer report was received.

COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE

QPH prepared a quote in the amount of \$2,321.00 to replace a motor for the air handler on the air conditioning units. They also quoted \$1,621.00 to rebuild the old motor. A third option was to not rebuild or replace and pay a \$228.00 inspection fee. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to pay the inspection fee and not buy or rebuild the motor. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent presented the November Highway financial report.

2021 APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were made for 2021:

- Board of Tax Review – Paul Wilkinson made the motion to retain Kathy Dean and Dale Gardner. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney – Paul Wilkinson made the motion to retain Leigh Morning. Mark Bacon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Highway Superintendent – Bruce Levi made the motion to retain Jerry Sitton. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Eastern Indiana Regional Planning – Paul Wilkinson made the motion to retain Carole Yeend and John McCane. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- EMA Director – Bruce Levi made the motion to retain Chuck Kemker. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Rush Memorial Hospital Board – Paul Wilkinson made the motion to retain John Byrne. Mark Bacon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Rush Co Community Corrections – Paul Wilkinson made the motion to retain Curt Mock as the ex-offender member. Mark Bacon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Rush Co Community Corrections lay persons (4)- Paul Wilkinson made the motion to retain Deborah Adams and Carole Yeend. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Carthage Library Board – Paul Wilkinson made the motion to retain James Neal. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Courthouse Custodial – Paul Wilkinson made the motion to retain Gilliam Janitorial. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Lawn Care – Paul Wilkinson made the motion to retain N & S. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Snow Removal Courthouse – Paul Wilkinson made the motion to retain Vogel's. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The following appointments will be made in January 2021:

- Alcoholic Beverage Board
- E-911 Board
- Local Emergency Planning Commission
- Rush Co Community Corrections – two more appointments available
- Area Plan Commission
- Board of Zoning Appeals

I.T. SALARY

Commissioner Wilkinson commented that the county pay for the position of I.T. Director is not compatible with other counties. He requested County HR Director Tony Personett to check

with other counties to see what they are paying and to check on making this position an exempt position. They are not opposed to increasing the pay for this position once the additional information is received.

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