

SPECIAL SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECEMBER 28, 2020

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in special session Monday, December 28, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. with Commissioners Mark Bacon and Paul Wilkinson. Bruce Levi joined at 8:30 a.m. Jodi Harr, Auditor was in attendance with County Attorney Leigh Morning joining by conference call.

Mark Bacon called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting held on December 18, 2020 were presented. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Mark Bacon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

End of the year accounts payable in the amount of \$49,862.71 were presented for approval. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Mark Bacon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE LIGHTS

Auditor Harr presented a quote from Bostic Electric to replace the existing ceiling lights in the Treasurer, Assessor and Recorder's office with LED lights. The cost is \$5,539.00 and will be encumbered from the courthouse electricity line of the county general courthouse budget. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Mark Bacon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE PREVENTIVE MAINT CONTRACT

Heating and cooling preventive maintenance contract bids were discussed. Bids were received on December 18 from QPH and Choice Mechanical. With the QPH bid being more detailed and QPH being most knowledgeable of our equipment, Paul Wilkinson made the motion to award the contract to QPH. Mark Bacon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

JAIL CONSTRUCTION

Certificates of Substantial Completion were received from CCI for JC Ripberger, Banta Electrical, and Stanley Security Solutions. They are dated December 1, 2020. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to sign all three of them. Mark Bacon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

STATE ROAD 3 RIGHT OF WAY PURCHASE

Ryan Buckley with INDOT requested approval and signature on a right of way purchase of commissioner owned property at 13th Street and Main Street in the City of Rushville. The amount of the purchase is \$1,000.00. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Mark Bacon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF SPENCER STREET PROPERTY

Discussion was held on the proposed offer to purchase property owned by Garry Hickman on Spencer Street for county storage. Two appraisals would need to be done on the property before the county could purchase it. Paul Wilkinson made the motion that the commissioners are not ready to make an offer on the property at this time. Mark Bacon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Tony Personett received a call from the Health Department manager Julia Apple. Their office is having a great deal of exposure to COVID 19 and would like permission for their staff to work from home if needed for the next two months. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to allow the health department staff to work from home if needed due to COVID and the hardship on the

staff to keep the office open. This approval is on a month by month basis. Mark Bacon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

8:30 a.m. Commissioner Levi joined the meeting.

EMA

EMA Director Chuck Kemker asked how the commissioners would like to dispose of the 1999 Ford F350 which was previously used by the EMA department. It is worth more than \$1,000.00 so it will have to be auctioned or bids taken. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to take sealed bids on the truck. Motion was rescinded. Bruce Levi made the motion to auction the truck off at the January 19, 2021 regular commissioner meeting. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COUNTY FARM

The county farm rental contract ends on January 31, 2021. County Attorney Leigh Morning will prepare the advertisement of the auction of the farm ground rental to be held at the regular commissioner meeting on January 19, 2021.

Paul Wilkinson made the motion to adjourn. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

/Mark Bacon/
Mark Bacon, Chairman

Paul Wilkinson
Paul Wilkinson

/term ended 12/31/20/
Bruce Levi

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor