

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in a joint session with the Rush County Council on Thursday, July 30, 2020 with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Bruce Levi and Paul Wilkinson present. Rush County Council Members in attendance were Charles Smith, Warren Norris, Ralph Adams, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, and Carl Harcourt. Councilman Scott Barnes was absent. Auditor Jodi Harr and County Attorney Leigh Morning were in attendance.

Councilman Charles Smith called the council meeting to order. Commissioner Mark Bacon called the Commissioner meeting to order.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Alica Winters, Executive Director of the Rush County Community Foundation, was present to explain the next phase of the Lily Endowment Gift Grant. Rush County is being considered for up to \$5 million to go toward building a community center. She presented a slide presentation on grant requirements, the building and funding. Her deadline to send the second phase information is August 28, 2020.

The projects estimated cost is \$15 million. They are currently working on support to provide the remaining \$10 million. The foundation's request is for the county council to appropriate \$60,000 per year for at least five years to go toward funding the community center.

Winters mentioned the county can apply for a CDBG grant which we would be eligible for up to \$500,000. The council asked how much the county match is and how long do we have to come up with the match? It is believed the county match will be ten percent as a public facility grant. They will bring additional information to the county council at their August 12 meeting.

She would like a letter of support from the county council at their August 12 meeting and a letter of support from the commissioners at their August 17 meeting. The support can be financial or in kind.

Bruce Levi made a motion to recess for ten minutes. Mark Bacon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

2:10 P.M. both boards reconvened.

Councilman Adams had to leave unexpectedly.

CARES ACT FUNDS

Commissioner Bacon updated on the progress of building a storage facility for personal protection supplies and equipment needed for health emergencies. The location was discussed. Commissioner Wilkinson will speak with Mayor Pavey and Commissioner Bacon will speak with APC Director Gregg Duke.

PERSONNEL POLICY

Councilwoman Janet Kile gave an update on the proposed changes to the Personnel Policy. She and Commissioner Bruce Levi met with department heads who wanted to discuss the changes last week.

Paul Wilkinson made the motion to adjourn the commissioners. Mark Bacon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

