

**REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 17, 2021**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Wednesday, February 17, 2021, with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson and Ron Jarman present. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Leigh Morning were 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 Session held on February 1, 2021 were presented. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Minutes of the Special Session held on February 4, 2021 were presented. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Minutes of the Special Session held on February 8, 2021 were presented. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve. Mark Bacon seconded. Paul Wilkinson was absent. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable claims for February 16, 2021, in the amount of \$113,183.10 were presented. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve the claims. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

JAIL CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS

Accounts Payable claims for Jail Construction for February 17, 2021, in the amount \$113,117.55, were presented. The claims were never submitted to the Auditor for payment last year. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve to the claims subject to Council's approval of addition appropriation. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried

PAYROLL

- Payroll for February 19, 2021, in the amount of \$197,240.93 was approved on a motion by Ron Jarman. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

JAIL

- Megan gave update on Jail issues and the Final Walk through. They have 10 topics that are covered with warranty.

Carthage Public Library

- Voted in December 2020 on James Neal. Paul Wilkinson made motion to sign Public Library Certificate of Appointment Board Member, James Neal. Ron Jarman seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

VACTED ALLEY

- L. Joseph Pavey presented to close Alley located between 9282 W 250 S and 9304 W 250 S in Manilla. Commissioner Paul Wilkinson suggested to go to Auditor's office to follow the procedure on Vacating a Street or Alley.

EXTENSION

- Discussion was held on the request from Extension Office Director on a Full Time Education covering Ag and Natural Resources. Carly Holland, County Extension Director was not present. Councilman Charlie Smith was present. In his opinion we need to keep that position part time and he is not sure where the money would come from. Ron Jarman made a motion on unforeseen budgets to keep the position as a part time local position. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All in favored. Motion carried.

H.R.

- HR Directory Tony Personett indicated he received an email from UMR on the COVID-19 cost share waiver end date to be extended to April 20, 2021.

SHERIFF

- Issues with billing at Rush Memorial Hospital for the inmate care. Discussion was held to terminate the contract. Ron Jarman made motion to approve to sign Contract for Discount Arrangement with Rush County Jail Inmate Care.
- Sheriff Allan Rice gave an update to 66 inmates of which 23 inmates are out of county. Sheriff Rice also indicated they are looking for a part time kitchen help.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman and Sheriff Allan Rice talked about a quote for Fiber Optics in the amount of \$1,373.00. The fiber does not have a generator and we need to keep the fiber going. The Fiber does not have a backup. Paul made a motion to approve to pay for a battery backup for the Fiber Optic. Ron Jarman seconded. All in favored. Motion carried

COMMISSIONERS

- Discussion was held on the status on the Courthouse under a yellow status and reopening of the Courthouse. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to re-open the Courthouse on 02.18.2021 with precautions in place that we have been using. Ron Jarman seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Leigh Morning received an email from Baker Tilly on the PPE Solar. Ron Jarman made a motion to table BPB Solar until next meeting. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All in favored. Motion carried
- Discussion was held on Roof. Paul Wilkinson should have proposals in the next couple weeks.

HIGHWAY

- Paul Wilkinson made a motion to sign contract Bridge 127 in the amount of 325,000.00 contract of construction engineer services with USI?

STORAGE BUILDING

- Discussion was held on location for storage building. Mark Bacon talked with Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton about putting the storage out next to Highway Department. Also was discussed of maybe the land located around the conservation club. Leigh Morning is checking to see what the 99 year lease indicate.

HUNT ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

- Discussion was held on the bridge on Hunt Road needs to be replaced. The County has enough money for the county's half. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to have Highway move forward on the Hunt Road Project. Ron Jarman seconded. All in favored. Motion carried.

Paul Wilkinson made a motion to adjourn. Ron Jarman seconded. All in favored. Motion carried.

/Mark Bacon/
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Paul Wilkinson/
Paul Wilkinson

/Ron Jarman
Ron Jarman

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor