

**REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MARCH 1, 2021**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 1, 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 17, 2021 were presented. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS**

- Accounts Payable claims for March 1, 2021, in the amount of \$100,896.84 were presented. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve the claims. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**PAYROLL**

- Payroll for March 5, 2021, in the amount of \$196,479.07 was approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**JAIL**

- Megan gave update on Jail issues. She indicated a major roof leak in the new jail. Paul Wilkinson requested Leigh to write a letter of errors concerning the roof. Attorney Leigh Morning will write a letter.
- Megan indicated there are issues with the stop sign at the end of street where the Jail is located. Paul Wilkinson indicated that we need to consider the traffic flow and coordinate with Chief Tucker.

## **TREASURER**

- Treasurer Monthly Report month ending January 31, 2021 was presented. Paul Wilkinson made motion to approve the Treasurer Monthly Report ending January 31, 2021. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **EXTENSION**

- The Extension Office Director Carly Holland wanted to know when they could post for the vacated job position. Carly noted that she feels there is lack of knowledge in our Community in regards to the potential position and she is happy to get more information. Commissioner Paul Wilkinson ask what will the potential position provide to Rush County and how is this position going to help out Rush County? Commissioner Mark Bacon commented that there needs to be a joint effort with Commissioners and Council. At this time the Commissioners are not changing their position on the matter.

## **H.R.**

- HR Directory Tony Personett indicated that Amy Grocox is the new council member and Myia Stroble is the New Probation Officer.
- Reminder that April 16, 2021, Full Time employees will receive one half of their pay so we will then be paid two weeks behind.
- Reminder that March 17, 2021 from 7-10:30 will be health screening.

## **EMA**

- Chuck Kemker indicated that we were awarded the 2019 Pre Disaster Mitigation grant of \$67,055.61. The match from Rush County is \$11,175.93 & the Rushville City is \$11,175.93. Chuck commented that he sent an email to Rushville City for notification. Commissioner Paul Wilkinson made a motion to accept the grant and to move forward. Commissioner Ron Jarman seconded. All in favored. Motion carried.

## **HEALTH**

- Julia Apple indicated that Rush County is Blue. The Health department will be preparing a statement with strong recommendations to follow guideline of face mask and social distancing.

## **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

- Sandy Fussner updated us on the smaller business and Noble Romans opening up this week. She also commented that there were a lot of places hiring in Rush County.

## **HIGHWAY**

- Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton indicated that there is a problem with the Right of Way on Bridge 63. Land owner wants \$10,000.00 and the maximum is \$1,900.00. Commissioner Paul Wilkinson made a motion to authorize the Eminent Domain. Commissioner Ron Jarman seconded the motion. All in favored. Motion carried.
- Jerry Sitton presented the Highway Annual Report. Commissioner Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the Highway Annual Report. Seconded by Commissioner Paul Wilkinson. All in favored. Motion carried.

## **SHERIFF**

- Sheriff Alan Rice indicated that the Car/Deer accidents are down. There will be CPR training in the next couple of months. Sheriff Rice wanted to get the Commissioners permission to donate a car console to Carthage Police Department. Commissioner Paul Wilkinson made a motion to donate a Ford Explorer car console to the Carthage Police Department. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All in favored. Motion carried.

## **COMMISSIONERS**

- The Commissioners will take care of purchasing the Flags for the Flag Poles located on the county parking lot.
- Attorney Leigh Morning presented to the Commissioners an Engagement Letter from Baker Tilly for the solar project. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to sign Engagement BP Lightsource Project. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All in favored. Motion carried.
- Attorney Leigh Morning presented a Resolution opposing HB 1381. Commissioner Paul Wilkinson made motion to sign the Resolution Rush County opposing HB 1381. Commissioner Ron Jarman seconded. All in favored. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held on Reestablished the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. It was suggested by the FSG Corp that we should reestablished the rate of .0333 every year. The rate is currently .0331. Commissioner Paul Wilkinson made a motion to set Hearing to Establish the Cumulative Capital

Development fund rate Monday, March 29, 2021 @ 9:10 a.m. Mark Bacon seconded. Ron Jarman opposes. Motion carried.

- Discussion for a hearing for a vacated alley for L. Joseph Pavey and Deborah Pavey. Commissioner Paul Wilkinson made a motion to set a Hearing for Vacated Alley for L. Joseph Pavey and Deborah Pavey on Monday, March 29, 2021 at 9:15 a.m. Seconded by Commissioner Ron Jarman. All in favored. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve QPH to replace a unit. Seconded by Commissioner Ron Jarman. All in favored. Motion carried.
- FSG sent the Auditor a contract for Financial Bond. Commissioners agree no action at this time.

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

/ABSENT/  
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Paul Wilkinson/  
Paul Wilkinson

/Ron Jarman/  
Ron Jarman

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/  
Tammy Justice, Auditor