

EMERGENCY MEEETING RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MARCH 23, 2020

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in an emergency session Monday, March 23, 2020 with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson and Bruce Levi. Auditor Jodi Harr, County Attorney Leigh Morning, Tony Personett, Julia Apple and Chuck Kemker were in attendance.

Commissioner Mark Bacon called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.

This emergency meeting was quickly called in response to Governor Holcomb's 12:00 p.m. news conference where he announced Executive Order 20-08 Directive For Hoosiers to Stay at Home and Executive Order 20-09 Relating to the Continuity of Operations of Government.

COURTHOUSE CLOSING

After much discussion, the commissioners ordered the following in regards to the county courthouse effective at 5:00 p.m. March 23, 2020:

- The courthouse will be completely closed to the public
- Only absolutely essential employees will report to work
- Phone calls and messages left in an office will be answered/returned ASAP.
- Voicemail greetings should be changed notifying the caller that calls will be returned ASAP
- Employees not working are expected to be home unless they are conducting essential business such as grocery shopping, pharmacy, medical, etc.
- Custodial Service will continue within the courthouse. It is requested they take this time to do extra cleaning and sanitizing. Commissioner will contact Gilliam Janitorial.

CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

Paul Wilkinson made the motion to sign Resolution 2020-04 Declaring a Public Health Emergency and Exercising Emergency Powers. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Continuity of Operations is effective at 5:00 p.m. March 23, 2020. The Rush County Highway Department and Rush County Sheriff Departments are essential departments. The courts are essential with the Judge's discretion. Each courthouse department supervisor will determine who is essential in their office.

HIGHWAY

The Highway Department's excavator needs to be replaced. This is an emergency because it will be needed to do any emergency road work that may arise. State of Indiana Executive Order 20-09 4E regarding emergency purchases gives the commissioners permission to allow the purchase and Rush County Resolution 2020-04 Declaring a Public Health Emergency. Paul

Wilkinson made the motion to allow the purchase and financing of a new excavator. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH LEAVE POLICY

HR Director Tony Personett informed the commissioners of a federal change regarding FMLA for COVID-19 diagnosis that is included in the Federal Stimulus package. The policy would be effective April 2, 2020. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

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