

SPECIAL SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY 22, 2020

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in special session Friday, May 22, 2020 with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson and Bruce Levi physically in attendance. Auditor Jodi Harr and County Attorney Leigh Morning were also in attendance.

The meeting was properly advertised along with the conference call phone number for public use and an agenda of the meeting. The only topic on the agenda is COVID-19.

Commissioner Mark Bacon called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

COVID-19

Discussion was held on the current COVID-19 ordinance. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve Ordinance 2020-12 regarding restrictions due to coronavirus/COVID-19 which will repeal Ordinance 2020-9 as of 3:45 p.m. May 22, 2020 and to follow the Governor of the State of Indiana's guidance unless a reason is given to re-evaluate the situation. The Disaster Declaration will remain in effect until July 4, 2020. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2020-13 regarding the 2020 Rush County, Indiana primary election early voting was presented. The county cannot require any restrictions such as mask to be required for anyone entering the courthouse to vote. The courthouse will remain closed on June 2, 2020. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve Ordinance 2020-13. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

All personnel should be back to working in the courthouse unless the employee has a physician's note stating they should continue to work from home. Personett will contact the extension office.

Plexiglass will start being installed next week in each office. Discussion was held on purchasing a better video system for live meetings and to be able to be replayed on the county website. Additional laptops need to be purchased for future use in the event more people need to work from home. Chuck Kemker will get information on the system that the City of Rushville uses for livestreaming their meetings. Auditor Harr will request quotes for book scanners to scan all of our public record books. This would help prevent hands on use of the actual books to help stop the spread of disease. We will also need to restock personal protective equipment.

CARESACT

The State of Indiana has set aside Coronavirus Relief Fund Program dollars. Rush County is entitled to receive \$540,160.00. Expenses are to be paid by the county and reimbursed by the

state. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to sign the acceptance certification for the funds. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Paul Wilkinson made the motion to adjourn. Bruce Levi 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