

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUGUST 31, 2020

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 31, 2020 with Commissioners Paul Wilkinson and Bruce Levi present. Commissioner Mark Bacon was absent. Auditor Jodi Harr and County Attorney Leigh Morning were also in attendance

Vice Chairman Bruce Levi called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge to the American Flag.

MINUTES

- Minutes of the regular meeting on August 17, 2020 were approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson. Seconded by Bruce Levi. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable claims for August 31, 2020 in the amount of \$864,540.61 were presented. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the claims. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for September 4, 2020 in the amount of \$196,177.12 was approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson. Seconded by Bruce Levi. All were in favor. Motion carried.

JAIL CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS

- An addendum to the lease with JalMal, LLC for December, 2019 through February, 2020 was presented for approval. This is for the land the construction office trailer set on during jail construction. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Claims to be paid from the Special Purpose Fund 1114 for jail construction in the amount of \$13,871.28 were presented for approval. This includes a final claim for DLZ. There are still engineering issues with the doors and water pressure. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to pay all of the claims except the DLZ claim and to review the DLZ claim in two weeks to see if these issues are resolved. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HR

HR Director Tony Personett has received a request from an employee to work from home due to a compromised immune system. There is a doctor statement on file. Work can be monitored by the department head. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the request. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The exterior doors of the courthouse has been completed. Personett presented a list of exterior door keys requested by department heads. The keys will be stamped with a number and a record kept of who has each of the keys. HR will track who has what keys and retrieve the key upon termination of employment.

Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the new hire for the administrative assistant in the Community Corrections department. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Personnet is working with the Matron and Jail Commander to get job descriptions for the part time cooks and corporal correction officers. He thinks this can be done without going through Waggoner, Erwin and Scheele.

The Personnel handbook is in the final stages of being updated.

EMA

EMA Director Chuck Kemker requested permission to renew the federal surplus purchase agreement. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CHAMBER OF COMMERSE

Sandy Fussner gave an update on happenings within Rush County. Carole Yeend informed the commissioners of services being offered at the Open Resource Center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A request was made to hold an executive session of the county commissioners according to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (2) (B) initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been or has been threatened specifically in writing. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to hold the meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. in the Auditor conference room with Jerry Sitton and Marvin Rees being present. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

STORAGE BUILDING

Commissioner Wilkinson has received the drawing for the Storage Building to house EMA equipment and supplies. Wilkinson made the motion to proceed with construction plans with the intent that CARES Act funding will cover the cost not to exceed \$150,000 without council approval. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

9:35 a.m. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to recess until 10:00 a.m. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

10:00 a.m. Vice Chairman Levi reconvened the meeting.

VACATE ALLEY REQUEST

Johnie and Cristina Hamilton requested the commissioners vacate the following alleys:

- A platted 16.5-foot-wide alley running west to east between lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 on the north and lots 5, 6, and 7 on the south.
- A 49.5-foot-wide platted street running west to east between lots 5 and 6 on the north and lots 17 and 18 on the south.
- A 16.5-foot-wide platted alley running west to east that parallels the south side of lots 17 and 18.

The county auditor, the highway superintendent and county attorney has not received any public comments. No one was present with any comments. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the petition request as presented. 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