

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, September 29, 2020 with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson and Bruce Levi present. Deputy Auditor Tammy Justice was also present. Auditor Jodi Harr and County Attorney Leigh Morning were absent.

Mark Bacon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge to the American Flag.

MINUTES

Due to the absence of Auditor Harr, no minutes were presented for approval. They will be approved at the October 13, 2020 meeting.

CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable claims for September 29, 2020 in the amount of \$277,286.06 were presented. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the claims. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for October 2, 2020 in the amount of \$194,367.56 was approved on a motion by Bruce Levi. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HR

HR Director Tony Personett presented an amended employee health plan Benefit Summary. The name of the telemedicine option changed from teledoc to telemedicine. It also added dermatology services to pay at 100%. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Requested the approval of a new hire to replace a correction officer. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Requested the approval of the E911 dispatcher replacement. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Requested approval to add corporal rank pay to correction officer in the amount of \$1,200. No action was taken. A job description needs to be submitted and approval by the county council to increase the pay.

Personett reminded everyone that the pay on October 16, 2020 will be for one week and there will be not insurance premiums taken out.

The changes to the personnel policy were discussed once again. The commissioners wish to look at the comp time issues further and tabled this to a future meeting.

EMA

Chuck Kemker reported there are Burn Ban Ordinances in eleven Indiana counties. The weather outlook is calling for ½ inch of rain and cooler temperatures over the weekend. The commissioners decided to not issue a burn ban at this time. They will hold a special meeting if circumstances change.

Kemker recommended placing signs on the north and south sides of the courthouse showing where the courthouse entrance is. Commissioner Wilkinson recommended paying for these from Cares Act fund. Paul Wilkinson made the motion for Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton to order two entrance signs. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Kemker gave an update on the SHSP grant. Amount requested 60,995.00 with a short of funds of 10,901.44. Discussion was held no action taken.

Discussion was held on the storage building to be built using Cares Act money.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Sandy Fussner gave an update on upcoming events being held in Rush County. They are accepting applications for Citizen of the Year.

AREA PLAN

Area Plan Director Gregg Duke commented the APC is still working on updates to the A3 code section of the zoning ordinance. His part time employee is off on medical leave.

HEALTH

Julia Apple notified the commissioners of the resignation of Health Board members Rachael Clark effective October 1, 2020 and Kendra Steible effective September 1, 2020. She requested that Hannah Augsburger replace Steible and Sam Roller replace Clark. Both will complete the terms of the two who resigned. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the new board members. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SHERIFF/JAIL

Jail Matron Megan Tate updated the commissioners on building issues at the new jail. Parking lot, gas lines, hot water, doors, mold, boiler and plumbing issues were reported. The commissioners requested Tate get quotes for water softener and from QPH.

Sheriff Allan Rice reported all vehicle repairs have been completed. Two new trucks are getting the decals put on and the Durango is still in the process of being completed.

Sheriff talked about a Body Scanner for \$40,000.00 -\$120,000.00 and could be covered the Cares Act.

The new department leave policy is working well. He would like to keep the policy.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Alicia Winters provided an update on the \$100,000 grant. The grant needs to be a community action plan to use the money for meaningful projects.

RUSH SOLAR PROJECT II, LLC

Paul Wilkinson move to sign the Option and Lease Agreement. Prior to construction we must have the Decommission Agreement completed and the Pilot Agreement must also be completed. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried

ECDC

John McCane provided information on an informal class for Newly Elected Officials on Nov 18, 2020.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested permission to advertise for the replacement of four employees that has left employment but not yet been replaced. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the advertising of four employees. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

BROADBAND

Paul Wilkinson gave an update on Broadband. Discussion was held no action taken.

Mark Bacon indicated that there was a request for senior pictures taken in courthouse. It would require an employee be present.

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