

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JANUARY 19, 2021

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, January 19, 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 January 4, 2021 were presented. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Minutes of the Special Session held on January 11, 2021, were presented. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in Favor. Motion Carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable claims for January 19, 2021, in the amount of \$585,285.66 were presented. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve the claims. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for January 22, 2021, in the amount of \$199,553.25 was approved on a motion by Ron Jarman. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

JAIL CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable claims for Jail Construction for January 20, 2021, in the amount \$60,620.48 were presented. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the claims. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

9:05 a.m. Mark Bacon recess the regular commissioner meeting to hold the annual Board of Finance Meeting.

9:15 a.m. Mark Bacon reconvened the regular commissioner meeting.

County Treasurer's Monthly Report was presented

FSG Group

Greg Guerrettaz and Charlie Joyce from FSG Group, Financial Solution Group, Inc, called via conference call to discuss future financing debt services going into 2022. Paul Wilkinson updated the courthouse roof project. Greg Guerrettaz will be in contact with the contractors to help move the roof project forward.

Paul Wilkinson made a motion to sign the Proposal for Professional Services Contract. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the revised Bridge Inspection Contract #63. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to sign the revised Bridge Inspection Contract #63. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

9:30 a.m. Mark Bacon recess the regular commissioner meeting to open bids for Rush County Farm and Ema 1999 Ford F350 Truck

RUSH COUNTY FARM BID

Mark Bacon open Bids for the Rush County Farm. Cross Road Family Farms LLC, made a bid of \$250.00 per acre.

Paul Wilkinson made motion to accept the Bid on the Cash Farm Rental Contract to Cross Road Family Farms, LLC, Inc. for \$250.00 per Acre.

EMA TRUCK BID

Mark Bacon open Bids for the EMA 1999 Ford 350 Truck. Joe Niedenthal made a bid of \$1,200.00

Paul Wilkinson made motion to accept the Bid for the EMA 1999 Ford 350 Truck. Ron Jarman seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

9:45 a.m. Mark Bacon reconvened the regular commissioner meeting.

HEALTH

Julia Apple gave an update on the status of the county. We are still Red.

SHERIFF/JAIL

Megan Tate gave a update on Jail items that they are working on.

Sheriff Allan Rice discussed employee, William Jones will be going to Court Services. He is hiring Brandon Colestock as a fulltime employee.

AUDITOR

Auditor, Tammy Justice presented the 2020 Annual Financial Fund Report for review. Discussion was held on W-2's getting to the employees by January 31, 2021. Auditor also indicated that the W-2's were order back in October of 2020. The Forms have not been delivered and would not be available until January 26, 2021 due to Covid19 per Accountability. The Auditor feels that this is not adequate time to get the W-2's to the employees in a timely matter. Low Associates can upload the W-2's to Doculivity for a fee of \$1,940.00. Paul Wilkinson indicated that if the employees needed help printing them we would print a copy of the W-2's for them. The Fee would be paid from Auditor's training fund with Low Associates for the first year. Ron Jarman made a motion for Low Associates to use training fund at no cost to the County for the 1st year. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

BONDS

- Clerk, Angela Buckley – Paul Wilkinson made the motion to sign Surety Bond. Ron Jarman seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Surveyor, Marvin Reese – Paul Wilkinson made the motion to sign Surety Bond. Ron Jarman seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Corner, Brenda Mahan - Paul Wilkinson made the motion to sign Surety Bond. Ron Jarman seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor, Tammy Justice Paul Wilkinson made the motion to sign Surety Bond. Ron Jarman seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Treasurer Jodi Harr Paul Wilkinson made the motion to sign Surety Bond. Ron Jarman seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

RECORDER

Recorder, Kevin Spilman presented the Bulk User Agreement. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve Bulk User Agreement. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All in favor.

SOLID WASTE

Discussion was held on disposal of Medication. Paul Wilkinson made a motion for Covanta's agreement for the disposal of Medication. Ron Jarman seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Carol gave an update on the broadband. There is a meeting schedule with the Task Force on February 4, 2021 at 2:00 a.m.

AREA PLAN

Greg Duke presented the petition to amend the official zoning maps of Rush County, reference APC-2020-36(Parcel 70-05-24-427-004.000-006). Paul Wilkinson made motion to approve the Rezone. Ron Jarman seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Paul Wilkinson made a motion to appoint Kenny Aulback from the APC to the BZA. Ron Jarman seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ron Jarman made a motion to reappoint Marvin Reese to the APC. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

HR

HR Director Tony Personett indicated he has a resignation of the investigator for Prosecutor. They are paid out of the Deferral Fund. The Prosecutor wants to change this from a salary amount to an hourly rate. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve part time exempt investigator with hourly rate of \$23.50. Ron Jarman seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the FFCRA that it has ended as of December 31, 2020. Commissioner extended the FFCRA to January 19, 2021 in the January 4, 2021's meeting. Council made a recommendation to follow the Commissioners. Ron Jarman made motion to extend the Covid19 leave to June 1, 2021. Paul seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS

Discussion was held for Randy Herbert, IT, for an increase in pay. He is the IT for Highway, Sheriff and the Courthouse. Ron Jarman Made a motion to increase Randy Herbert's Salary by 10,000.00. Paul seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to move the IT position to exempt employee. Ron Jarman seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Policy Book for Sheriff's Department on vacation days. Ron Jarman made a motion to amend the Policy Book for 4.1.1(b) page 26 for anyone hired before October 18, 2018, will have hours of vacation to match the number of days that was in the Policy book of 2010. No one seconded. Ron Jarman Rescinded the motion.

Ron Jarman made a motion to amend the Policy Book for 4.1.1(b) page 26 for anyone hired before October 18, 2018, will have vacation days to match the number of days that was in the Policy book of 2010. No one seconded.

Paul Wilkinson made a motion to table to February 1, 2021 meeting. Ron seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Paul Wilkinson made a motion for John Painter to Reduce the retainage for JC Ripberger from approximately \$36,000 to \$12,000.00. Ron Jarman seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held to stay with Bliss McKnight, our insurance carrier.

Paul Wilkinson made a motion to pay \$1,500.00 for the Housing study done by EIRPC. The Rush County will pay \$750.00 and the Rushville City will pay \$750.00. Ron Jarman seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

/Mark Bacon/
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Paul Wilkinson/
Paul Wilkinson

/Ron Jarman/
Ron Jarman

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor