

**REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JANUARY 21, 2020**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, January 21, 2020 with Commissioners Mark Bacon and Paul Wilkinson. Auditor Jodi Harr and County Attorney Leigh Morning were in attendance. Commissioner Bruce Levi was absent.

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

Minutes of the January 6, 2020 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes of the executive session held on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 were approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Mark Bacon. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Special Session held on Friday, January 10, 2020 were approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Mark Bacon. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS**

Auditor, Jodi Harr presented the biweekly claims docket for January 21, 2020 in the amount of \$470,030.75. Mark Bacon asked if there were any questions. There were none. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Payroll ending January 24, 2020 in the amount of \$195,831.36 was presented. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve payroll. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

**JAIL CONSTRUCTION**

Payment Requisition # 51 in the amount of \$24,719.73 from bond proceeds for jail construction claims was presented for approval. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve payment requisition #51 as presented. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Jail claims in the amount of \$24,131.82 to be paid from fund 1114 LIT Special Purpose was approved to be paid with a motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Change Order 080/620-010 to J.C. Ripberger in the amount of additional \$1,660.00 to add signage for the day room as requested by jail staff. Construction Manager John Painter was not available for questions. Wilkinson made the motion to table the change order until additional information is received such as break down of cost, exact changes and will there be a credit for the original signs. Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

9:06 Mark Bacon recessed the Regular Commissioner Meeting.

**BOARD OF FINANCE**

9:06 The Annual Board of Finance Meeting was called to order. County Treasurer Cindra Humphrey and the Commissioners conducted the Board of Finance Meeting.

9:19 The Regular Commissioner meeting was reconvened.

**EMA**

EMA Director Chuck Kemker notified the commissioners that the county has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$4,752.68 to purchase a 75" monitor for the assembly room. February 18 will be Storm Spotter Training. He is working on scheduling a time to have CPR and Stop the Bleeding training for any county employee who is interested. He also informed the commissioners that he has accepted an appointment to the Indiana Emergency Alliance of Indiana board.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Chamber Director Sandy Fussner gave an update on local businesses that are expending and new businesses that are opening.

### **CGS**

Carole Yeend noted that the Rush County Solid Waste District has been paying the CGS recycling and trash bill for the county courthouse. CGS has presented a new contract which increased the cost to more than she can pay in the solid waste budget. She has contacted other providers to try to find a lower rate. She did find out that the county highway department pays a lesser amount because they own the dumpsters. She is going to check on the cost of dumpsters and see if that will lower our cost.

After research Yeend found there is not a difference in cost whether the county owns the dumpsters or not. She can pay \$445.00 per quarter from the Rush County Solid Waste District budget but the county will have to pay anything over this. The commissioner's request that the contract be for one year and the contract renewal be sent to them by July 1, 2020. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the contract. Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

### **COURT SERVICES**

Ashley Stevens presented a contract with PayGOV.US to enable fees to be paid through her department via credit card. This is the same company used by the Recorder and Clerk offices. County Attorney Leigh Morning will review before the next commissioner meeting.

### **HR**

HR Director Tony Personnet reported receiving new proposed job descriptions for the Public Defender's office. He presented them to the commissioners to determine if they wanted them sent to Wagner, Erwin and Scheele for their review. Morning advised that paralegals have to have special training for that title and that should be noted on the job description if that is a requirement. Also she reminded them that some of the duties listed are court duties and may not change their job classification. Personnet understands that more duties does not necessarily equate to a higher job classification. Paul Wilkinson commented that when these job descriptions were done, supervisors signed off on them. He wants to know what has changed to make the job description change. Personnet does not know. He did note there was no change to the education requirements. The commissioners feel they do not have enough information regarding the changes in job responsibilities to justify paying Wagner, Erwin and Scheele to review the job descriptions. Their questions are is there a difference in the professional training needed? What is the required training? If you change the job description to a paralegal should the education also be changed? Were the job descriptions not written correctly the first time? Personnet will contact David Malson and Brian Barrett.

Discussion was held on the pay for part time cooks at the jail. Sheriff budgeted \$15.00 per hour. They will not be correction officers so should their pay be more than the \$12.00 per hour? This needs to be discussed by the county council.

### **HIGHWAY**

Bids were received for the purchase of a 2003 Ford F250 4X4 with a 7.5 foot Fisher Snow plow which is owned by the county. Bids were received from Addam Carmony, Archie Rohr, William Snow, Curtis Schwering, and Jonathon Spaeth. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to accept the highest bid amount of \$4,500 by Curtis Schwering. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

### **PROSECUTOR**

Prosecutor Phil Caviness requested permission from the Commissioners to re-apply for the STOP Grant for fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. It is a federal reimbursable grant administered through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. The amount requested is \$59,650.00. The funds from this grant pays for a deputy prosecutor position. Paul Wilkinson

made the motion to approve the application for the STOP Grant. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

### **EXTENSION**

The Extension Contractual Services Agreement between Purdue University and Rush County was presented for approval. It is the same contract as in the past. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the contract. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

### **AREA PLAN COMMISSION**

Gregg Duke, APC Director, presented a favorable recommendation given by the APC on January 8, 2020 to replace section 6.3 of the Rush County Zoning Ordinance, titled "Wireless Telecommunication Facilities. The APC held a public hearing on January 8, 2020 to receive public input. Changes were needed in order support the broad band ready effort in Rush County. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the amended Rush County Zoning Ordinance Section 6.3 regarding Wireless Telecommunication Facilities. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

### **E911**

County Attorney Leigh Morning presented an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Rushville and Rush County for Rush County to pay to the City of Rushville the sum of \$102,726.00 from the E911 fund to be applied toward the salaries of the City of Rushville E911 Dispatchers. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the agreement. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Allan Rice gave his department update. He introduced Devin McCollum as the new courthouse security officer. He had the following purchases for the new jail for the commissioners to approve:

- Medical equipment to be purchased from Quality Correctional. The approximate cost is \$10,000.00. The commissioners requested they get a second quote.
- Plastic chairs for inmates and visitation area – quotes were received from Norix and Charm Tex. Norix was the lowest at \$42.00 per chair. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to purchase ten plastic chairs from Norix. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.
- Laundry loop socks are only made by @laundryloops. The cost is \$3.75 each for 500. Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bacon seconded. Motion carried.
- Kitchen supplies to be purchased from Gordon Food Services. This is cups, trays and lids. Three options were presented with different styles and materials. Wilkinson made the motion to approve option three. Bacon seconded. Motion carried.
- Trash cans and ash trays for the entire building to be purchased from Gordon Food Services in the amount of \$1,411.41. Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bacon seconded. Motion carried.
- Inmate supplies such as blankets, clothing and shoes – Charm Tex quote of \$12,301.50 and Bob Barker quote of \$12,984.92. The commissioners both agreed to let Matron Megan Tate make the decision on where to purchase these items.
- Vacu Sealer for inmate personal property - This is new technology so there is not any information on the durability of the equipment and is made by only one company. CPI/Guardian quote is \$10,603.00. Wilkinson made the motion to approve the purchase. Bacon seconded. Motion carried.
- Office furniture – Two quotes were given for desks, chairs and filing equipment for all offices. Wilkinson made the motion to approve National Business Furniture quote. Bacon seconded. Motion carried.
  - National Business Furniture \$30,344.35. This includes removing the trash.
  - Officefurnituretogo.com \$33,562.00 does not include shipping/handling/trash removal.

10:40 a.m. Chairman Mark Bacon recessed the regular commissioner meeting in order to hold a Drainage Board meeting.

11:00 a.m. Chairman Bacon reconvened the regular commissioner meeting.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

The Health Department requested permission to apply for a grant for the county health department to receive Naloxone kits at no cost to the county. It is a State grant through the Indiana Department of Health. The sheriff department already has their kits but Sheriff Rice believes it will be a good thing for the health department to have these to distribute to others. Wilkinson made the motion to approve the grant since there is no cost to the county. Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Paul Wilkinson made the motion to adjourn. Mark Bacon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

/Mark Bacon/  
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Paul Wilkinson/  
Paul Wilkinson

/absent 1/21/20/  
Bruce Levi

ATTEST:

/Jodi Harr/  
Jodi Harr, Auditor