

**REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 29, 2021**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 9, 2021, with Commissioners, Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson and Ron Jarman present. Auditor Tammy Justice was also present and County Attorney Leigh Morning was absent.

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 March 15, 2021 were presented. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Ron Jarman and Paul Wilkinson were in favored. Mark Bacon abstain. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable claims for March 29, 2021, in the amount of \$197,388.14 were presented. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the claims. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- The Claim for Duke for the outdoor lighting around the county parking lot will be paid by the commissioners.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for April 1, 2021, in the amount of \$199,903.28 was approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

JAIL

- Jonna McIntire Johnson was present for the Jail and Sheriff Departments. Discussion was held on Arab contract. Motion to sign the Arab contract made by Paul Wilkinson. Ron Jarman seconded. All in favored. Motion carried.
- Commissioners review the Intalere contract. Ron Jarman made motion to approve and sign the Intalere contract. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All in favored. Motion carried.
- Commissioners reviewed the Chardon Labs Proposal. Paul Wilkinson made motion to approve and sign the Chardon Labs contract. Ron Jarman seconded. All in favored. Motion carried.

Commissioner Mark Bacon recessed the Commissioner's Regular Meeting

Commissioner Mark Bacon open a Hearing to discuss to reestablish the Cumulative Capital Development Fund at .0333 rate at 9:10 a.m. Commissioner Paul Wilkinson made a motion to reestablish the Cumulative Capital Development Fund to .0333 rate. Commissioner Ron Jarman seconded. All in favored. Motion carried.

Motion to close Hearing to Establish Cumulative Capital Development Fund made by Ron Jarman. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All in favored. Motion Carried.

Commission Mark Bacon Open a Hearing to discuss vacate an alley in Manilla by L. Joseph Pavey and Deborah Pavey at 9:15 a.m. The alley is located Between Lot 13 to east & lot 12 to the west in the original plat of Manilla. Motion made by Paul Wilkinson to vacate the alley in Manilla. Ron Jarman seconded. All in favored. Motion carried.

Motion to close Hearing on Vacated Alley made by Paul Wilkinson. Ron Jarman seconded. All in favored. Motion carried.

Commissioner Mark Bacon reconvened the Regular Commissioner's meeting.

Jail (continue)

- Commissioners reviewed the Incarcerated Offenders Providers Agreement. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve and sign the Incarcerated Offenders Providers Agreement. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All in favored. Motion carried.

Treasurer

- Tax Statements will be going out the 2nd week in April pending DLGF approving the format.

COMMISSIONERS

- Ron Jarman made motion to approve to sign the Professional Service Agreement with Tracy Cross & Associates, to conduct the housing study through Eastern Indiana Economic Development Association. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All in favored. Motion carried.

H.R.

- H.R. Director, Tony Personett indicated all the employees that were working from home during the covid19 pandemic are back to work. Preparations are being made to return the equipment to the county. Duane Raab will be working part time in the Jail.
- Discussion was held on the discrepancy in the employee handbook for 12 hour employees that are not listed. Holiday, Personal Leave, and Sick Leave. Paul Wilkinson made a motion that a 12 hour shift worker will receive 12 hours for Holiday Leave, 12 Hours of Sick Leave, 12 hours for Personal Leave with of cap of 12 hours on each. Ron seconded. All were in favored. Motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Julia Apple came before the commissioners to ask for permission to have a new floor for the nurse's office and office furniture for the nurses. Health Department had quote for office Furniture of 6,099.00 and Flooring for 3,087.00. This would be paid from there grant monies. Paul Wilkinson move to approve the Replacing Furniture and carpet. Ron Jarman seconded. All in favored. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held for new LED lighting in the Health Department as well. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve 1300.00 for LED lighting in the Health Department. Ron Jarman seconded. All in favored. Motion carried.
- Julia also presented to the commissioner a quote on a new sign for their door. The quote was for 275.00. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve the new sign on the Health Department's Door. Ron Jarman seconded. All in favored. Motion carried.

JAIL

- Commissioners review contracts maintenance between Choice Mechanical and QPH. Discussion was held. Ron Jarman made a motion to go with Choice Mechanical. Mark Bacon seconded. Ron Jarman and Mark Bacon were favored. Paul Wilkinson was not in favored. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

- Jerry presented to the commissioners an Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Maximum Speed Limit. Discussion was held. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve and sign an Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Maximum Speed Limit. Ron Jarman seconded. All in favored. Motion carried.

Commissioners

- Discussion was held on Bonds for the Courthouse Roof. Commissioners reviewed the contracts between FSG Inc and Baker Tilly. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve and sign the contract with Baker Tilly for the bonds for the courthouse roof. Ron Seconded. All in favored. Motion Carried.
- Discussion was held on Barnes & Thornburg engagement letter for serving as bond counsel and to assist in the design-build. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to sign the engagement letter. Ron Seconded. All in favored. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Paul Wilkinson made a motion to provide a letter of support Rural Business Development Grant Revolving Loan Fund. Ron Jarman seconded. All in favored. Motion Carried.
- Discussion was held on the Governor's restriction. Dr. Daughtery and Dixie Meyer were present for the discussion. Paul Wilkinson made a motion that the Commissioners will continue to follow state guidelines recommendations, continue to educate about vaccination and encourage to get them, continue to recommend to wear mask and social distancing, disinfect surfaces and proper hand washing, monitor gatherings of more than 250 people and continue to provide information for safe interaction. Ron Jarman seconded. All in favored. Motion carried.

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

/MARK BACON/
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/PAUL WILKINSON/
Paul Wilkinson

/RON JARMAN
Ron Jarman

ATTEST:

/TAMMY JUSTICE/
Tammy Justice, Auditor