

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS May 24, 2021

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, May 24, 2021 with Commissioners, Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson and Ron Jarman present. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Leigh Morning was also 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 May 10, 2021 were presented. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Minutes of the Special Session Minutes on May 14, 2021 were presented. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable claims for May 24, 2021, in the amount of \$245,168.56 were presented. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve the claims. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried

PAYROLL

- Payroll for May 28, 2021, in the amount of \$195,960.44 was approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

VACATED ALLEY

- Joseph Bell brought to the Auditor's office a notice that he would like to vacate an alley that runs through 203 S Pillsbury Street in Milroy. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to set hearing closing alley in Milroy on June 21, 2021 at 9:15 A.m. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All in were in favor. Motion carried.

FOP

- Terry Drake was present for the FOP and he is asking for permission of a memorial for Law Enforcement and First Responders. Discussion was held on a providing a plan and a price. Discussion was also held in taking donations as well.

Area Plan

- Greg Duke discussed a Rezone of 1203 W Old State Rd 44 which has a dwelling on the property. The Rush County Area Plan Commission recommends unfavorable. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to deny the petition to Rezone. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COURT SERVICES

- Ashley Stevens present to the Commissioners a contract for a Recovery Specialist. Discussion was held. Paul made a motion to approve and sign Professional Services Contract Sequential Intercept Model Grant. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Discussion for a picnic table in the grass area outside the jail. The Commissioners agree to have a picnic table as long as it is moved for mowing.

JAIL

- Megan Tate presented the agreement with Plymate. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve and sign the Plymate Agreement. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held on the Padded Cell. Ron Jarman said we need to send a letter to Grinder brothers and have a meeting to discuss the issues to move forward. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve the Repairs for the padding for June 7, 2021, with Marathon Engineering Corporation. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held on Hot Water in Cell D & E. They had Choice look at it. There is a quote for \$3,365.00 to install the 2nd circulation pump from Choice. Commissioner Paul Wilkinson indicated before we spend the money we would need to have a warranty statement to make sure this will fix the problem. Continue discussion on Hot Water issues.
- Megan contacted Choice on the softener. There is an increase in the pricing of materials. Sheriff Allan Rice indicated we really need a micron filter. Continue discussions on the softener and micron filter. Megan will get a quote from QPH.
- Discussion was held on mowing the areas of the Courthouse parking lot and around the Jail. Paul Wilkinson made a motion for Singleton's to mow the Courthouse parking Lot and Jail for 50.00 per service. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Megan also gave a update on the Roof on the Jail.

50 MILE BIKE RIDE ON WILKIE DAY

- David Wilkie was present to discuss the 5 and 50 Bike Ride that will be held on Wilkie Day.

H.R.

- H.R. Director Tony Personett talked about an employee retiring in the Circuit Court and that position is posted. He also indicated the Clerk, Angie Buckley will be hiring 3 positions for summer help. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve to hire Jenna Geise, Will Thoman and Kaleb Jessup for Summer help. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Tony indicated we have a new part time jailor, Isaac Chastain. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve to hire Isaac Chastain. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Tony indicated also that they having difficulty in hiring for the full time Jailor and a full time Dispatcher. Discussion was held.
- Tony indicated the prosecutor will be hiring for temporary part time for the summer. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve hire Trisha Mastin. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- There will be a mandatory meeting on Jun 25, 2021, dealing with Audit American and also dealing with difficult patrons. There also needs to be protocols or emergency procedures to respond during and after issues that may come up. Ron Jarman made the motion to have an Executive Meeting on May 27, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. to discuss Security. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

- Highway Superintendent, Jerry Sitton presented an Ordinance for the Detour on 52. Discussion was held. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve Ordinance Prohibiting Commercial Motor Vehicles and Establishing a Temporary Maximum Speed Limit. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice went over the power point that was sent to the commissioners via email on May 24, 2021.
- Discussion was held on two 2021 Dodge Durango vehicles. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve purchase two 2021 Dodge Durango vehicles. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Rice would like to set up minimum bids to auction Sheriff's used vehicles. Paul Wilkinson made motion to approve to set up an auction to other agencies first then to public for used vehicles with a minimum bids. Seconded Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held on animal control.
- Discussion for high temperature in the control room.
- Sheriff Allan Rice also discussed staff shortage.
- Discussion was held on a Federal Agreement to house federal inmates. Ron Jarman indicated this is an opportunity to make income. Most of the housing inmates would be here for pre-trial. Continue discussion. The study would cost us \$28,500.00. The commissioners will continue this to the next regular commissioners meeting. The Sheriff and Auditor will look at where to fund the study.
- Sheriff Allan Rice also presented a Constellation Contract to be approve. Discussion was held on pooling customers and transport customers. Ron Jarman look at to make sure pooling is better for us than transport customer.

COMMISSIONERS

- County Attorney, Leigh Morning presented the Courthouse Roof Process Resolution. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Rush County, Indiana Approving the Issuance of the Rush County, Indiana General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favored. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ron Jarman made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All favor. Motion carried.

/Mark Bacon/
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Paul Wilkinson
Paul Wilkinson

/Ron Jarman
Ron Jarman

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor