

**REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS September 13, 2021**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, September 13, 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**

- Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Minutes of the Executive Session held on August 30, 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 September 3, 2021 were presented. Paul Wilkison made the motion to approve. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS**

- Accounts Payable claims for September 13, 2021 in the amount of \$285,317.67 were presented. Auditor Tammy Justice indicated that the claim to Brian Hill in amount of \$47.68 was gratuity that Judge Hill presented for payment on August 30, 2021. It has been the practice and policy that the county does not pay for gratuity. Discussion was held and Ron Jarman made the motion to approve to pay the gratuity. Mark Bacon seconded. Paul Wilkinson was opposed. Motion carried. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve the claims of 285,317.67. Ron Jarmon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**PAYROLL**

- Payroll for September 17, 2021, in the amount of \$195,757.62 was approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Insurance**

- Josh Estelle from McGowan Insurance Group indicated there are some concerns with the coming up renewal with Bliss McKnight in December. Bliss McKnight currently has a B+ rating. Discussion was held. Ron Jarman made a motion to go through the process of checking with the other providers for insurance coverage. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Treasurer**

- Ron Jarman made the motion to approve the August Treasurer report. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **HEALTH**

- Julia indicated 69 new cases of covid reported in July and 188 cases reported in August. Schools are now mandated mask. Discussion was held on the meeting from the task force. Paul Wilkinson also indicated that we have taken precaution and we encourage to use hand sanitizer and we also have plastic shields in place. Discussion was held to talk to the Office Holders/Managers about if they have any concerns. Julia indicated that she needed a half door.
- There were 7 food inspection that were regular and 7 that were at steam show.
- Discussion was held on the Wind Records Solution. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve Win Records Solution Software. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **Jail**

- Megan Tate reported that the softener is working great.
- Megan also indicated they are having issues with the Fire Protection systems provider. The Jail has had issues with Johnson Control services over the years. Discussion was held on Fire Protection systems. Megan will gather information and get back with the commissioners.

## **Extension**

- Carly Holland gave an Update on the open position for the Educator. Discussion was held since Purdue has not hire an Educator are services being provided to county. Carly indicated that services are being provided to Rush County.

## **Commissioners**

- Carol Yeend discussed the county website billboard space and what should be on the front page. Ron Jarman indicated that the front page should be current affairs. Paul Wilkinson made motion to give permission to Jerry Sitton to take off the out dated covid information and put on the current information and continue with covid information. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **EMA**

- Chuck Kemker discussed the Septic Application permit on the storage building. Ron Jarman made a motion to sign Septic Application Permit. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Chuck Kemker also presented an agreement with Polis Center. Ron Jarman made a motion to sign an agreement with Polis Center. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **Highway**

- Highway Superintendent Jerry presented the Highway report.

**Sheriff**

- Sheriff Allan Rice indicated they are advertising for a part time cook. We receive a resignation for a part time cook and a jailer.
- Sheriff Rice indicated that he would like to have the 6x18 grass area on the west parking lot be concrete along with 18x17 grass area in front of the generator. Sheriff Rice had received an estimate from Dustin Case for the 6x18 area in amount of \$1,200.00 and the 18x17 area in the amount of \$2,500.00 with a discount of 300.00 discount if we do the lots at the same time. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to proceed with both lots. Ron Jaman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**HR**

- HR Director, Tony Personett held discussion on the President’s mandate the companies for over 100 employees to have their vaccines.

**County Attorney**

- County Attorney, Leigh Morning discussed the Approval on the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021 Preliminary Official Statement Draft. Paul Wilkinson made motion to approve the Draft. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Auditor**

- Auditor, Tammy Justice discussed the GIS DATA Sharing Agreement with Trimble Maps. Trimble Maps indicated on the Email that was sent with the GIS DATA Sharing Agreement that they are a routing and a navigation company. They would use our data to update their own network add in a missing road, update an address. Trimble Maps will not sell our data but parts of it would be integrated into their data. Ron Jarman made motion to deny the Request for GIS DATA Sharing Agreement with Trimble Maps. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Commissioners**

- Discussion was held for an auction. Ron Jarman made a motion we get rid of any old equipment and furniture through an auction and have the proceeds to go through non for profit Open Resource. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Paul Wilkinson reported that we did reject the bids for the roof of the courthouse and we received a letter from Arsee Engineering indicating the tuck pointing estimated cost is \$700,000.00. There would be a Fee of \$25,000.00 to Arsee Engineering to do the rebids and tuck pointing to bring the total of \$140,000.00. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Ron Jarman reported that there was great discussion in the APC meeting.

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

/Mark Bacon/  
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Paul Wilkinson/  
Paul Wilkinson

/Ron Jarman/  
Ron Jarman

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/  
Tammy Justice, Auditor