

## **REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS October 25, 2021**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, October 25, 2021 with Commissioners, Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson and Ron Jarman present. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Leigh Morning were 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 October 12, 2021 were presented. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Minutes of the Special Joint Session with the Council October 13, 2021 were presented. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **CLAIMS**

- Accounts Payable claims for October 25, 2021 in the amount of \$108,916.60 were presented. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the claims. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **PAYROLL**

- Payroll for October 29, 2021, in the amount of \$197,204.07 was approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER**

- Treasurer Jodi Harr emailed the Treasurer's Report ending September 30, 2021. No discussion was held. Discussion was held on a food drive at the Courthouse having a table on each floor for canned goods. Ron made a motion to approve. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **HR**

- HR Director, Tony Personett discussed UMR total cost of covid-19 extending until Jan 15, 2022. The Commissioners were in agreeance.
- Discussion was held on the wage scales for the COMOT/PAT and Highway Departments for the 2022 pay increase.

### **AREA PLAN**

- Area Plan Director Greg Duke is seeking an approval of the Jeff and Lisa Gettinger rezone on two parcels located at 3759 E 300 S and 3464 S 325 E to be changed from split zone of A-3 Regulated Livestock and FP Floodplain to entirely A-3 Regulated Livestock. Two of the Gettinger's parcels have sections with no base zoning, only flood plain. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve the Rezone for the 2 parcels to A3. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **JAIL**

- Megan Tate requested to have a revolving job posting for the part time jail. She usually has an end date to the job posing on the website but would like to take that end date off. The Commissioners were in agreeance.
- Megan presented to the Commissioners and discussion was held on the Rush County Jail 2022 Generator Service Agreement Renewal. Discussion was held. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve the Generator Service Agreement Renewal. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **HEALTH**

- Julia Apple requested to apply for a Supplemental Funding for LHD COVID-19 Grant. It is a 2 year grant. Discussion was held. There is no matching funds. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve the Grant Application for LHD COVID-19 Supplemental Funding. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Julia discussed the fee schedule in the Health Department for Birth Certificate. The Health Department would like to provide a combo of wallet and regular size for \$25.00. Regular size Birth Certificate Fee is \$20.00. Wallet size Birth Certificate Fee is \$20.00. The Combo would be \$25.00. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve the Fee Schedule. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Julia and Dixie Meyer requested that the Ordinance for the Animal Bites be the same as the Rushville City. Dixie indicated that the Rushville City ordinance state if the owner does not provide vaccinated proof within 15 days there will be a \$500.00 fine. Discussion was held. The Commissioners will address this once additional information is received.

## **HIGHWAY**

- Steve Jones and Nick Kocher with United Consulting was present to discuss the current bridge inspection report. This is a 4 year program. We have completed phase 1. Discussion was held.

## **SHERIFF**

- Jonna McIntire indicated Deputy Smallwood was in an accident last week. The Sheriff Department received an estimate from Douglass in the amount of \$2,700.00 for the repair of his vehicle. Smallwood is still able to drive the truck.
- Jonna also indicated that the amount collected for housing out of county inmates for the year is \$175,012.50.

## **CFO/CAFO**

Brian McMinn and Steve Comer requested a 12 month moratorium on new permits and construction of CFO/CAFO'S in Rush County. Discussion was held. Virgil Brammer and Gregg Amos was also present to discuss CFO/CAFO'S. Ron Jarman made a motion for a four month moratorium on new permits and construction of CFO/CAFO'S in Rush County. Motion dies for lack of a second. Paul Wilkinson made a motion for the APC to revisit, study CFO/CAFO'S and report back to the commissioners in four months. Continue discussion was held. Mark Bacon seconded. Ron Jarman was not in favor. Motion carried.

Mark Bacon recessed the meeting due to a drainage board meeting scheduled at 10:30 a.m.

Mark Bacon reconvened the Regular Commissioner meeting.

**AUDITOR**

- Auditor, Tammy Justice presented a contract for the plotter used in GIS department. Discussion was held. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the contract for Eastern Engineering for the HP Rental Agreement for GIS Plotter. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Justice indicated that a Notice of Public Hearing of the County Council of Rush County regarding the Designation of an Economic Revitalization Area in Rush County was emailed. Commissioner Mark Bacon signed the Notice for acknowledgment.
- Justice presented the 2022 calendar to the commissioner. Discussion was held. Ron Jarman made a motion to remove the Columbus Day and keep Juneteenth. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Discussion held on the State Resurfacing and ROW SR 44 and SR 3. Ron made a motion to approve and accept the price. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Commissioners**

- Ron Jarman requested to Bid out the Storage Building for November 19, 2021. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve to advertise for the Bids Spec for Storage Building to be back in on November 19, 2021. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Paul Wilkinson discussed the need for an unsafe code inspector. Discussion was held.
- Ron Jarman gave an update on the application for nonprofit ARPA money.

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