

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 17, 2021

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Friday, December 17, 2021, with Commissioners, Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson and Ron Jarman present. Auditor Tammy Justice was also present. 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 December 6, 2021 were presented. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable claims for December 17, 2021 in the amount of \$804,509.63 were presented. Also part of the claims were the Solar Invoices in the amount of \$36,862.95. The county should receive funds of \$40,000.00 for the Solar Expense Fund by December 27, 2021. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the claims subject to the receipt of the solar Expense Fund to pay the Solar Invoices in the amount of \$36,862.95. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for December 22, 2021, in the amount of \$200,717.88 was approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER

- Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report ending 11.30.2021. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried

HR

- HR Director, Tony Personett presented for approval for part time employment for Melanie Sue Kline in the Assessor, Auditor, and Treasurer Office. Paul Wilkinson made a motion approve. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Personett also presented for approval to hire Samantha Eaks for Field Supervision Officer. Her starting salary will be \$36,500.00 effective January 10, 2022. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Personett presented for approval to move Joseph McKeown from part time Jailor to full time Jailor with a salary of \$38,350.00 effective January 1, 2022. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve subject to the Council Approval. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried
- Personett presented for approval to hire Brent Dougherty as the Full Time Courthouse Security with a salary of \$38,350.00 effective January 1, 2022. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve subject to the Council's Approval. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Personett presented for approval for the promotion of Barb McMahan from Corporal to Sargent with a Salary of \$42,354.00 effective January 1, 2022. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve subject to the Council's Approval. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Personett presented for approval for employee, Lilly Cramer from Corporal to Base Jail Officer with a Salary of \$38,350.00 effective January 1, 2021. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve subject to Council's approval. Seconded by Mark Bacon. Ron Jarman abstained. Motion carried.
- Personett presented for approval a promotion of Michael McMillan to Corporal with a salary of \$39,546.00 effective January 1, 2022. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve subject to the Council's approval. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Personett presented for approval a promotion of Wesley Storey to Corporal with a Salary of \$39,546.00 effective January 1, 2022. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve subject to the Council's Approval. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Personett presented for approval the promotion to Lieutenant of Communication Chief Dispatcher, Casey Brown with a salary of \$42,146.00 effective December 13, 2021 for the 2021 Budget and with a salary of \$48,152.00 for the 2022 Budget effective January 1, 2022. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve subject to the Council's approval. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Personett presented for approval the promotion of Sargent of Communication, Lee Ann Lacy Jacobs with a salary of \$38,740.00 for the 2021 Budget effective December 13, 2021 and with a salary of \$44,746.00 for the 2022 Budget effective January 1, 2022. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve subject to the Council's Approval. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

- Highway Superintendent, Jerry Sitton requested approval of the Community Crossing Grant Contract. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve and sign. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sitton also presented for approval to advertise for bids for the resurfacing of the 25 bridges in Rush County. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve to advertise and open bids up on January 31, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff, Allan Rice gave an update on the award banquet. Sheriff also indicated there were 3 major issues that came up from the inspection from Elwood. Discussion was held.
- Sheriff Rice gave an update on the vehicles. Sheriff purchased 1 Durango for 2021 and 3 Durango for 2022.

VOLKERT ROW

- Auditor, Tammy Justice indicated Chris Roberts from the Right of Way Lead from Volkert had some errors on the first page of the Warranty Deed and Temporary Easement for the State resurfacing the right of way for part of State Road 44 and State Road 3. Chris Roberts is seeking the approval to make the correction into the document. Auditor indicated that the County Attorney, Leigh Morning had look over the documents as

well. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve to allow the changes to be made. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ANNUAL OFFICIALS BOND REVEWALS

- Auditor, Tammy Justice presented to the Commissioner approval for the Annual Officials Bond Renewals for January 1, - December 31, 2021. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried

COURTHOUSE ROOF CONTRACT

- Discussion was held on the Roof contract. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve the contract with CMR for the Roof project. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

LIABLITY INSURANCE

- Discussion was held on Rush County Liability Insurance. Paul Wilkinson made a motion that Rush County moved to secure Zurich and IPEP. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion Carried. Discussion was held on the Cyber. Paul Wilkinson indicated we will have the Cyber information at a Later Time.

APPOINTMENTS

- Alcoholic Beverage Board – Paul Wilkinson made a motion to appoint Josh Toenessen to Alcoholic Beverage Board. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Area Plan Commission – Paul Wilkinson made a motion to appoint Ron Jarman to the Area Plan Commission. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Attorney – Paul Wilkinson made a motion to appoint Leigh Morning as Rush County Attorney. Seconded by Mark Bacon. Ron Jarman abstained. Motion carried.
- Board of Review – Ron Jarman made a motion to appoint Kathy Dean & Dale Gardner to the Board of Review. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Custodial Service – Paul Wilkinson made a motion appoint Gilliam Janitorial to the Custodial Service. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- E-911 Board – Paul Wilkinson made a motion to appoint Ron Jarman to the E-911 Board. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Economic Development Commission – Paul Wilkinson made a motion to appoint Ron Jarman to the Economic Development Commission. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Employee Health Insurance – Paul Wilkinson made a motion appoint Ron Jarman to the Employee Health Insurance. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Highway Superintendent – Paul Wilkinson made a motion to appoint Jerry Sitton as Highway Superintendent. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- EMA – Ron Jarman made a motion to appoint Chuck Kemker as EMA Director. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- EMA Advisory Board – Paul Wilkinson made a motion to appoint Mark Bacon to the EMA Advisory Board. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Hospital Board – Paul Wilkinson made a motion to appoint Gerald Mohr to the Hospital Board. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- I.C.A.P. – Ron Jarman made a motion to appoint Paul Wilkinson to the I.C.A.P Board. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- LEPC – Ron Jarman made a motion to appoint Mark Bacon to the LEPC Board. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Workforce Investment Board – Ron Jarman made a motion to appoint Paul Wilkinson to the Workforce Investment Board. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Eastern Indiana Regional Planning – Ron Jarman made a motion to appoint Paul Wilkinson to the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Board. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Eastern Indiana Regional Planning – Paul Wilkinson made a motion to appoint Carole Yeend to the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Board. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Eastern Indiana Regional Planning – Paul Wilkinson made a motion to appoint John McCane to the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Board. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Fiber Board – Paul Wilkinson made a motion to appoint Ron Jarman to the Fiber Board. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- The Commissioner took under advisement until next regular session meeting the Health Board appointments for 2022.

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