

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 3, 2022

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday January 3, 2022, with Commissioners, Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson and Ron Jarman present. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney, Leigh Morning was present.

Mark Bacon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge to the American Flag.

Commissioner Bacon called for the 2022 organization of the Board of Commissioners. Ron Jarman made the motion to appoint Mark Bacon as Chairman to the Commissioners and Paul Wilkinson seconded. Bacon accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried. Ron Jarman made the motion to appoint Paul Wilkinson as Vice Chairman. Mark Bacon Seconded. Paul Wilkinson accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MINUTES

- Minutes of the Regular Session held on December 17, 2021 were presented. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable claims for January 3, 2022 in the amount of \$205,166.19 were presented. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve the claims. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for January 7, 2022, in the amount of \$200,731.66 of which included \$5,816.68 for Kayla Lanthrop vacation pay out was approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

- Bryan Barrett and Dave Malson were present to discuss the replacement of an Appointment to the Public Defender Board member. Jason Clemmons has resigned as of December 31, 2021. The Public Defender Board recommended for the Commissioners to appoint Bruce Levi for the position effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Ron Jarman made a motion to Appoint Bruce Levi to the Public Defender Board. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

- Rushville City Mayor, Mike Pavey was present to clarify and discuss the animal control and the function in Rushville City and Rush County. The Rushville City Council met on December 21 and they had asked Kasey Hanna to put together a Standard operating procedure for the Animal Control for the City of Rushville and Police Department. Mayor discussed there are three main things to account for in the City's twelve page Standard Operating Procedure for Animal Control. The City would like the County to pattern after them. They are general animal care, animal rabies vaccination and vicious animals. The city only dispatches animal control through the

police department. Discussion was held. County Attorney Leigh Morning some of the concerns that the Sheriff has indicated that they are not going to go and measure the length of a chain and if there are fines that are collected, where do they go? Continue discussion was held. The Commissioners will table this subject until next meeting or next month.

TREASURER

- Treasurer Jodi Harr indicated that the Board of Finance meeting needs to be set. Ron Jarman made motion to set the Board of Finance meeting on January 18, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HR

- HR Director, Tony Personett indicated he would need for Brent Daughtery, new security officer and Sheriff receive a key to the courthouse.
- Personett received an email from employee request for the covid screening and mask when people come in the building. Paul Wilkinson indicated it is up to the office holder and administrator what they want on their door. They can put a note on their office door. Mark Bacon stated mask are recommended in the building.
- Discussion was held on the upcoming February 9, mandate from President Biden. Discussion was held on the Draft County Policy on Covid Vaccine Mandate. Personett will go around to each office share the information about what could happen for the county's policy.

HIGHWAY

- Highway Superintendent, Jerry Sitton need approval for a contract with INDOT for the federal share of Bridge 63 in the amount of \$1,161,440.00. Ron Jarman made motion to sign and approve. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sitton indicated for Bridge 127, INDOT awarded to the 2nd lowest Bidder Dunken Robertson for \$3,741,971.89. There will be a contract coming to sign for docu sign for \$2,993,577.51. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve and sign a contract with INDOT for the federal share of Bridge 127 in amount of \$2,993,577.51. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried. Sitton indicated that our share for Bridge 127 is \$748,395.00.
- Sitton presented monthly report.

HEALTH BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- There are 4 health board appointments that need to be filled.

JANITORIAL CONTRACT

- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Commissioner for approval the Gilliam Janitorial contract in the amount of \$62,440.00. Discussion was held. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to sign and approve. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COVID-19 TESTING AGREEMENT

- County Attorney Morning presented the Fourth Addendum to Covid-19 Testing Agreement. This is a pass through grant in the amount of \$100,000.00. Paul made a motion to sign and approve the Fourth

Addendum to Covid-19 Testing Agreement. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

FIXED ASSETS

- Discussion was held on Fixed Assets County. Capital fix assets are consider anything \$10,000.00 and over. The Auditor will keep recorded and track as capital inventory The IT department will keep track of fixed assets like computers, copiers and scanners from \$1,000.00 or more. Attorney Morning presented a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Rush County, Indiana, Adopting the Capital Asset Policy for approval. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RABIE /VICIOUS ANIMAL POLICY

- Discussion held on the draft Rabies/Vicious Animal Ordinance fines and fees. Commissioners tabled until next meeting.

SHERIFF

- Continue discussion on the concerns of the animal ordinance.
- Sheriff discussed that the department started a new process of the digital system for outstanding warrants.

AUDITOR

- Auditor, Tammy Justice had a request from GIS, Cathy Pratt. Isabel Seigler from Timmons is requesting a map of the EMS/Fire Response District for Rush County or our GIS data. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve for Cathy Prat, GIS Specialist prepare a static map for the EMS Fire Response district for Rush County for Isabel Siegler from Timmons. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ARPA

- Auditor Justice discussed a quote for the Time Keeping System. Discussion was held. Auditor will get an updated quote from LOW. Ron Jarman made a motion to add to the plan ARPA Ordinance to use the loss revenue in the ARPA funds for the Time Keeping System subject to County Council. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Ron Jarman made a motion to add to the plan ARPA Ordinance and to approve to use \$90,000.00 of loss revenue to go towards the County Highway subject to County Council approval. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Ron Jarman made a motion to add to the plan ARPA Ordinance and to approve the use of \$90,000.00 of loss revenue to go towards the County General subject to County Council approval. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- The ARPA committee is still reviewing the non for profit applications.

STORAGE BUILDING

- Ron Jarman gave an update on the storage building.

MAINTENANCE

- Ron Jarman we also need to advertise

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Rice discussed Body Cameras. Sheriff Rice would like to use some of the ARPA funds for that. Discussion was held. Sheriff will provide a quote to the ARPA committee.

BROADBAND

- Paul Wilkinson gave an update on Broadband.

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

/Mark Bacon/

Mark Bacon, Chairman

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/

Tammy Justice, Auditor

/Paul Wilkinson/

Paul Wilkinson

/Ron Jarman/

Ron Jarman