

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS February 28, 2022

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 28, 2022, with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson and Ron Jarman present. Auditor Tammy Justice was 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 February 14, 2022, were presented. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable claims for February 28, 2022 in the amount of \$362,101.79 were presented. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve the claims. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for March 4, 2022, in the amount of \$205,727.27 was approved on a motion by Ron Jarman. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER

- Treasurer Jodi Harr indicated that the ARPA claims that were approved today will be presented to the recipients on March 9, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.
- Treasurer Harr is seeking approval to participate in the Indiana Homeowners Assistance Fund. The Indiana Housing Authority has received money to help the taxpayer with delinquent taxes and mortgages. There is no liability or anything due from the County. Harr believes that this is a great service to the taxpayer. Discussion was held. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve to participate in the Indiana Homeowners Assistance Fund. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Treasurer Harr indicated that since January 21, 2022 she has collected 52 delinquent taxes parcels.

SENIOR CENTER

- Tina Logan presented for approval the Quarter Report for submission in the amount of \$52,348.00. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- HR Director, Tony Personett recommends Megyn Kirchoff for the open position in the prosecutor's office. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- HR Director Personett held discussion on the State Department of Health Guidelines changes. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to return to the standard sick leave policy pre-covid guidelines with being symptom free for 24 hours prior to returning to work.
- Personett indicated that there are issues on the 3rd floor women's bathroom. Discussion was held on the public bathroom on the 3rd floor. The employees are wanting to close the public restroom on the 3rd floor to the public. Personett will do some more research on how many bathroom stalls the courthouse will need.
- Personett is seeking permission to advertise for a Property Records position in the Auditor's office that could be open. Ron Jarman made a motion to advertise for the Property Records position in the Auditor's office when the position is officially available. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

EXTENSION

- Area Director for Purdue Extension, Molly Hunt and Carly Holland were present to discuss an updated contractual services contract and refund due to ongoing vacancy. Discussion was held. Molly Hunt and Carly Holland noted that there were four to five weeks of services that Purdue provided. They propose a refund to Rush County in the amount of \$24,615.00 for 2021. Continue Discussion was held. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to take between now and July 1, 2022 to continue to look for the educator's position, sign the contract effective July 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, and paying for service fees to Purdue for services provided from other counties. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

EMA

- EMA Director, Chuck Kemker requested Ordinance 2022-3 Declaring a Local Disaster Emergency for the snow and ice storm in February 2, 2022, through February 4, 2022, be rescinded. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-4 Terminating a Local Disaster Emergency. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice seeking approval for the contract agreement with Ricoh Agreement for the copiers in the Dispatch and Admin areas. Ron Jarman made the motion to the sign the contract agreement for the copiers with Ricoh.
- Sheriff Rice indicated he needed a signature for Body Camera Grant application. Sheriff Rice indicated that it was already approved by the Commissioners. Auditor Tammy Justice had question on the grant application approval. Discussion was held.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice held discussion on the need for a new position. Discussion was held.

MISC

- The Courthouse roof scaffolding is going up around the Courthouse. Everyone must use and exit the doors at the west entrance. All other doors are for an emergency exit only.

Ron Jarman made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

/Mark Bacon/
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Paul Wilkinson/
Paul Wilkinson

/Ron Jarman/
Ron Jarman

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor