

## **REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **March 14, 2022**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 14, 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.

### **MINUTES**

- Minutes of the Regular Session held on February 28, 2022, were presented. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **CLAIMS**

- Accounts Payable claims for March 14, 2022, in the amount of \$168,072.92, were presented. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve the claims. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **PAYROLL**

- Payroll for March 18, 2022, in the amount of \$208,349.31, 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 Monthly Report to the Commissioners. The Commissioners did not have any questions or concerns.

### **PHEP GRANT**

- Chuck Kemker presented a grant application for the Public Health Preparedness & Response Grant in the amount of \$25,000.00. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve the grant application. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **EMA**

- EMA Director, Chuck Kemker, presented his 2021, time sheet to turn into the State of Indiana for his hours worked. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

- HR Director, Tony Personett, recommends Susan Speath for the open Deputy Assessor position in the Assessor's office. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- HR Director Personett presented Kaylee Sue Nichols as a full time dispatcher starting March 7, 2022. Ron Jarman made motion to approve. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- HR Director Personett indicated that there was a resignation of a dispatcher. Personett requested to post the dispatcher's position. Ron Jarman made the motion to post for the dispatcher position. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Personett indicated that an employee retired in Circuit Court and at this time that position will not be filled.
- Personett indicated that an employee resigned in the Public Defender Office on March 8, 2022. Personett requested permission to post for the position. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to post for the position in Public Defender's office. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Personett is seeking permission to sign payroll claims and time sheets for the Area Plan until the Area Plan Commission hires an APC Director. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **CLERK**

- Clerk, Angie Buckley, requested permission to hire seasonal worker for the summer for up to thirteen dollars an hour and will be paid from the clerk's perpetuation fund. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Clerk also indicated that the early voter will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for this year.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

- Julia Apple requested an approval for the grant application Covid Immunization Grant in the amount of \$34,383.43. Paul Wilkinson made the motion approve the grant application. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Julia requested an approval for the grant application Vaccine Grant in amount of \$5,033.28. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the grant application. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Julia requested an approval for the grant application School Co Ag Grant. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the grant application. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **APC**

- APC Attorney, Geoff Wesling, discussed the contract for Greg Duke as a consultant for the APC. Taxes will not be withheld due to Greg Duke being paid by contract and not as an employee. Ron Jarman made a motion to sign the contact with Greg Duke as a consultant with understanding in the language of contract that the start date will be after his last full time employment date. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **HIGHWAY**

- Highway Superintendent, Jerry Sitton, presented the agreement from David O'Mara for the 100 west detour. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to sign the agreement. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Sitton also presented for approval for the Highway's Annual Report. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve and sign the Highway's Annual Report. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Superintendent Sitton presented the Highway's February's Monthly Report.
- Discussion was held on signs that an organization would like to put up signs around the coverage bridges. Per Sitton the request would have to be sent to INDOT for permission since the right of way belongs to INDOT. Sitton also noted the cost of the signs have increased. Sitton will look into the matter.

### **ARPA**

- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Second amended Ordinance 2021-11 An Ordinance Establishing the Spending Plan for Funds received from the American Rescue Plan in Fund #8950 as approved by the Rush County Commissioners. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **SHERIFF**

- Sheriff Allan Rice indicated that there are 70 inmates and they have collected \$18,225.00 for housing out of county inmates.
- Sheriff Rice discussed Chrysler has cut vehicle orders for the 2022 models.
- Ron Jarman sent off architect drawings of the jail's roof to ARSEE Engineer and they will look over the information to see where we need to go for the roof at the jail.

### **RUSH TECH FEST**

- Carol Yeend discussed that on April 30 there will be a Rush Tech Test. This is to help people with technology.

### **AUDITOR**

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested to approve the grant application for the Sheriff's Department Indiana Local Body Camera Grant. Auditor researched the approval for the grant application and discovered there was not a motion for the grant application. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve the grant application. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval for the Advance Time agreement for the time keeping system. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve and sign. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **GIS**

- Auditor Justice presented a GIS data Sharing Agreement with Ninestar Connect from the GIS Specialist, Cathy Pratt. The Commissioners will take the request under advisement.

### **EXTENSION**

- Discussion was held on the Contractual Service Agreement. The Agreement is for July 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022 for \$79,760.00. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve and sign the Contractual Service Agreement. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **MISC**

- Discussion was held on the storage site. Ron Jarman will compile a list to send on for quotes and bids.

- Discussion was held on the APC Director position for advertisement. We will advertise the position on INDEED.

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