

**REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 6, 2022**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 6, 2022, with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson and Ron Jarman present. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Leigh Morning were present.

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

MINUTES

- Minutes of the Joint Session held on May 11, 2022, were presented. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve as presented. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Minutes of the Regular Session held on May 23, 2022, were presented. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve as presented. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable claims for June 6, 2022, in the amount of \$307,851.06, were presented. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve the claims. Mark Bacon seconded. Ron Jarman abstain due to a claim made payable to Ron Jarman in the amount of \$345.97. Paul Wilkinson and Mark Bacon were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for June 10, 2022, in the amount of \$205,871.42, was approved on a motion by Ron Jarman. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SENIOR CENTER

- Jack Harmon requested approval to sign a grant for onboard cameras for each Ride Rush vehicles in amount of 18,152.00. There is a local match of \$4,538.00 that is paid through Ride Rush Transit. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

EMA

- EMA Director Chuck Kemker requested approval for a grant application for Duke Energy Foundation Grant in the amount of \$2,800.00. There is no county match. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HR

- HR Director Tony Personett requested approval to sign an Ordinance Adopting an Amendment to the county of Rush, Indiana Amended Personnel Policies Handbook. This change is for the PTO time for the 1st year employment. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve to sign the Ordinance. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Personett requested approval to sign an Ordinance Adopting an Amendment to the County of Rush Indiana Amended Personnel Policies Handbook. The Courthouse employee is required to work 70 hours within two week work period and it is up to the Department Heads to schedule the employee at the Department Head's discretion. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve to sign. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All in favor.
- Personett requested approval to sign an Ordinance Adopting an amendment to the County of Rush, Indiana Amended Personnel Policies Handbook. This is to remove part of 4.3.1 on page 27, employees must work the day before and the day after in order to earn compensation for such holidays. However, a paid vacation day or valid sick day will be permissible in this situation. Ron Jarman made the motion to sign. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Personett requested approval to sign Delta Dental Contract for new rates for 2023. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to sign. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Personett requested approval to sign Companion Life contract for Rush County stop loss health insurance. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve to sign. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Personett indicated that open enrollment for health, dental and vision would be open until June 16, 2022 for August 1, 2022 deadline.

BROADBAND

- Ron Jarman indicated that Broadband Task Force met on Wednesday, June 1, 2022. Virgil Bremmer made a motion that the Rush County Broadband Task Force recommends that the County engage with Mainstream Fiber Networks to develop a proposal and mutually agreeable terms for extending broadband service to portion of Rush County as determined by the Task Force with Ron Jarman being the Task Force's representative, contingent on receipt of necessary funding. Ron Jarman requested approval to start the negotiating process. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve. Ron Jarman abstain because he requested an approval Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER

- Treasurer Jodi Harr indicated that the property tax collection went well.

PROPERTY TAX SOFTWARE

- Treasurer Jodi Harr discussed a new property tax system. Harr indicated that she and the Auditor have looked at a new property tax system for over two years. The software that the county currently has is not window based and not a lot of interaction with the public. Harr has a quote from LOW in the amount of \$271,802.00. The ARPA Committee is recommending to pay for the down payment of the new property tax system in the amount \$108,260.00 from the ARPA funds. This will leave a balance of \$163,542.00 which can be paid over three years. We would have to increase funds in IT Budget in the Data Processing for the Annual Maintenance Fee of an increase of \$20,000.00. Discussion was held. IT does have a server that it can go on. Harr requested approval for the quote from LOW for the new property tax software. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the LOW quote with the down payment of \$108,260.00 to be paid out of the ARPA funds. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

JAIL

- Megan Tate gave an update on the water issues.

SOLAR

- Mason Gordon indicated there is a meeting schedule for June 21, 2022 between the Hoosier Solar and the solar committee.

HIGHWAY

- Highway Superintendent, Jerry Sitton requested approval to sign the Bridge 94 contract. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve to sign. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sitton requested approve to sign the Community Crossing Financial Commitment letter for Phase II. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to sign the Community Crossing Financial Commitment letter in the amount of \$154,047.00. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sitton presented his monthly report to commissioners.

ARPA

- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented for approval for the Third Amended Ordinance 2021-11. Discussion on amounts for nonprofit organizations, down payment of new property tax software, salary for a new employee in the Auditor’s office, to pay for a Comprehensive Plan up to \$100,000.00, and to provide financial support for the Rush County Community Center. The council will have to appropriate the funds. Paul Wilkinson made motion to approve the Third 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 pending receipt of funds. Seconded by Mark Bacon. Ron Jarman abstained because he sits on the Rush County Booster Board. Paul Wilkinson and Mark Bacon were in favor. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice indicated they have a population of 97 inmates. Sheriff indicated there is one inmate in DOC for behavior issues. Sheriff Department has collected year to date \$211,237.01.

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

Mark Bacon, Chairman

Paul Wilkinson

Ron Jarman

ATTEST:

Tammy Justice, Auditor