

**REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 9, 2022**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, May 9, 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 April 25, 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 May 9, 2022, in the amount of \$157,524.88, were presented. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve the claims. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for May 13, 2022, in the amount of \$203,525.35, was approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HR

- HR Director, Tony Personett requested approval to hire Hali Ison in the Public Defender's Office as of May 23, 2022. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Personett requested approval to hire Jason Messer for the maintenance position at the Rush County Highway as of May 4, 2022. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Personett requested approval to hire Walker Fulks as a full time jailer on May 7, 2022. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Personett informed the commissioners' that Carol Yeend will be retiring on July 1, 2022.
- Personett indicated he received a letter from Medicare that an employee received dual coverage for past claims that did not include the county's current provider. Discussion was held for the county's current provider, UMR to pay the claims. Paul Wilkinson made a motion for UMR to pay the claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE

- Carol Yeend indicated that people are concerned with recycling. Discussion was held.

SENIOR CENTER

- Jack Harmon requested approval for the Cares Act PMTF Voucher for 3RD Quarter. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve and sign. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Harmon also requested approval for ARP 5910. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve and sign. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Harmon requested approval for 59101-59294 Section 5311 Rural Transit. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve and sign. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve the 2023 grant application for the Rural Transit to purchase a van. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve Resolution Authorizing the Filing of a CY 2023 Application for a Grant under Section 5311/5339 of the Federal Transit Act, As Amended. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

JAIL

- Megan Tate updated the issues with the water flow in the Jail.

HIGHWAY

- Highway Superintendent, Jerry Sitton requested approval for a Contract with United Consulting for Bridge 94 over Flatrock River in the amount of \$168,100.00. INDOT will reimburse Rush County 80% of the contract amount. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve and sign the contract. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sitton requested approval for a Right of Way Contract with INDOT for Bridge 1 in the amount of \$47,000.00. INDOT will reimburse Rush County 80% of the contract. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve and sign. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sitton requested approval for a Right of Way Contract with INDOT for Bridge 155 in the amount of \$44,880.00. INDOT will reimburse Rush county 80% of the contract. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve and sign. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sitton updated the commissioners' on the signs for the covered bridges. Sitton indicated they are ordered. INDOT approved 5 locations for the signs.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice requested approval for a Memorandum of Understanding between Rush County and Hancock County. This is to house inmates from Hancock County. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve and sign. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Rice indicated they have not received a Memorandum of Understanding from Franklin County. Franklin County inmates will be here Thursday May 12, 2022. Discussion was held. County Attorney Leigh Morning advise the commissioners' as long as there are no changes to the Memorandum of Understanding that she has drafted it could be approved. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as drafted with no changes. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Sheriff Rice indicated he received 9 applicants for the Deputy Officer position.
- Sheriff Rice discussed they have an inmate who is in Ball Memorial in Muncie. The inmate is wanted in several different surrounding states.
- Sheriff Rice will be out of the office from May 25, 2022, through June 1, 2022. Please contact Terry Drake.

RUSH SOLAR PROJECT III, LLC

- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented for approval a Memorandum of Option to Lease for the Commissioners’ property for parcel number 70-07-33-400-001.000-010. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve and sign the Memorandum of Option to Lease. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

GIS

- GIS Specialist, Cathy Pratt received a GIS Data Request from HWC Engineering. They would use the data for the study of St. Paul area. Paul Wilkinson made motion to approve the GIS Data Request from HWC Engineering. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

STORAGE BUILDING

- Commissioner Ron Jarman discussed that they have received three quotes for the Storage Building. Milroy Building Supply, Emerald, and Tree City Metal. The lowest bid was from Tree City Metal for a four foot on center in amount of \$206,800.00, and for two foot on center \$225,100.00. Discussion was held. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve Tree City Metal and not to exceed \$225,100.00. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

/Mark Bacon/

/Paul Wilkinson/

/Ron Jarman/

Mark Bacon, Chairman

Paul Wilkinson

Ron Jarman

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/

Tammy Justice, Auditor