

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 5, 2022

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, July 5, 2022, with Commissioners Mark Bacon and Paul Wilkinson present.

Commissioner Ron Jarman was absent. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Leigh Morning were also 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 June 21, 2022, were presented. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Mark Bacon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable claims for June 5, 2022, in the amount of \$673,154.22, Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve the claims, Mark Bacon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for July 8, 2022, in the amount of \$213,508.59, which included PTO payout for Miranda Day in the amount of \$3,427.98 was approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HR

- HR Director Tony Personett presented the Broker Compensation Disclosure, between Pfenninger, Claxton, & Estelle Insurance Group a/k/a McGowan Insurance Group and Rush County for a period of August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023. Paul Wilkinson moved to sign the disclosure. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Personett also presented the Business Associate Contract between Pfenninger, Claxton, & Estelle Insurance Group a/k/a McGowan Insurance Group and Rush County commencing on August 1, 2022. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to sign the agreement. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Personett requested approval to move Heather Rolfe to Payroll Deputy in the Auditor's Office. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried. Auditor Tammy Justice advised she had no resumes submitted for the open payroll position, so Personett requested approval to use previously submitted resumes to hire for the Property Records position in the Auditor's office. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to review and use previously submitted resumes for the hiring process. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Personett and Auditor Tammy Justice stated the quote previously submitted for the time keeping system did not include the time clock devices. Four time clock systems will be an additional \$6,900.00. Discussion was held regarding the use of time clocks versus signing on from workstations, or

using WIFI on mobile devices. Sheriff Allan Rice stated he would rather utilize actual time clocks instead of the WIFI option. Auditor Tammy Justice is checking with LOW to see if reserve training funds held at LOW could be used to purchase the time clock devices.

Health Department

- Dr. Daugherty advised the Commissioners that Kim Roe will be the County's new Environmentalist/Office Manager in the Health Department. She is slated to begin on Wednesday, July 20, 2022. Dr. Daugherty is also recommending the salary stay the same for this position at \$52,500.00. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve Kim Roe for the Health Department Environmentalist/Office Manager and to keep the salary as is. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Highway

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Highway's monthly report for June. He also advised the Commissioners that he applied for a Community Crossing Grant for Bridge #17 in the amount of \$616,000.00 this is a 75/25 match. If approved the County's portion will be \$462,139.50.

Sheriff

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners of a water main break behind the jail on Water Street. Immediate notification from the City of the break was not made to jail personnel. Due to a boil water advisory, inmates are being given bottle water every hour. Sheriff Rice advised that this is the third water main break since being in the new jail building. Discussion was held about approaching the City to install a shut off valve so the jail isn't isolated.
- Sheriff Rice advised that Josh Brinson will be promoted to Chief Deputy as of July 9, 2022. Doug Keith will be promoted to the Detective position that was vacated by Brinson effective July 23, 2022.
- Sheriff Rice advised the Commissioners that Deputy McCollum's patrol car sustained considerable damage after being hit by another vehicle while responding to an accident on Main Street.
- The jail is currently housing 81 inmates. Sheriff Rice is still waiting on payment from Henry County on housing of their inmates. Sheriff Rice stated he may need County Attorney to send a letter requesting payment.

MISC

- County Attorney, Leigh Morning, presented the Commissioners with the Fifth Addendum to Covid-19 Testing Agreement. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to accept the extension and sign the agreement. Mark Bacon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney, Leigh Morning, advised the Commissioners that Rush Memorial is wanting all Commissioner titled hospital property to be titled as Board of Trustees. The Commissioners tabled the discussion until all members are present.
- Auditor, Tammy Justice advised the Commissioners the Clerk is requesting to increase her office's blanket bond from 5 employee's to 6. Paul

Wilkinson moved to increase the blanket bond. Mark Bacon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Auditor, Tammy Justice advised there was a pledge in 2020, by the Commissioners, in the amount of \$65,000.00 to the Community Foundation. Fulfillment of that pledge was made in 2021. Funds were budgeted in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the 2022 budget year. Discussion was held regarding where the Foundation should apply the first installment of \$20,000.00 sent to them. Council President Charlie Smith stated the \$20,000.00 should be placed in the Community Center Fund at the Foundation along with the second installment of \$20,000.00 that will be issued in December 2022.

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

/Mark Bacon/
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Paul Wilkinson/
Paul Wilkinson

Ron Jarman

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor