

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 29, 2022

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 29, 2022, with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson and Ron Jarman present. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Leigh Morning was 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 August 15, 2022, were presented. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Minutes of the Special Session on August 18, 2022, were presented. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable claims for August 29, 2022, in the amount of \$664,518.33 were presented. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the claims. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for September 2, 2022, in the amount of \$206,494.79 was approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Sheriff

- Jail Matron Megan Tate, advised the Commissioners of a breaker issue within the jail. She has had a representative from Trane and Choice Mechanical look into the problem. It is believed to be a wrong breaker size, making the breaker trip when heating unit turns over to heat. Discussion was held regarding whose responsibility it would be to fix the issue, Banta Electrical or QPH. Commissioners instructed Megan to contact QPH to troubleshoot the issue.
- Matron Megan Tate updated the Commissioners on the lighting issues. Since Banta Electrical is not wanting to continue the vendor relationship with the jail, she requested the Commissioners to instruct her on what electrical company to call with issues moving forward. The Commissioners advised her she could use either Rosfeld or Cain's for future issues.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners there are currently 67 inmates being housed at the jail.
- Sheriff Rice notified the Commissioners that road deputy Bobby Peck has started at the academy, and newly hired road deputy Amanda Cable is slated to start the academy in January 2023.

- Sheriff Rice updated the Commissioners that the prices have increased on the three new 2022 vehicles that he is getting from Fletcher's.
- Sheriff Rice also updated the Commissioners that he has been working to get the Sheriff App updated with all inmates' charges and bond amounts. Sheriff Rice stated the app should be working within a week.

EMA

- EMA Director Chuck Kemker is requesting a letter of support from the Commissioners for the BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities) Grant. The BRIC Grant will be a partnership between the County and City of Rushville. Funds from the grant will be used to clean out Hodges Branch from 7th street to the Flatrock River. The grant will be a 60/40 split between the County and City of Rushville, with the funds being needed in the spring of 2024. The cleaning of Hodges Branch is the first project needing completed to move forward from the Comprehensive Study that was done. Ron Jarman made a motion to sign a letter of support. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Health Dept.

- Office Manager Kim Roe updated the Commissioners on the Covid-19 numbers, and advised as of to date, there are no cases of Monkeypox within the county.
- Kim also informed the Commissioners that she has resigned her position as Office Manager/Environmentalist with the Rush County Health Department.

HR

- HR Director Tony Personett advised the Commissioners of several resignations. Highway worker Luke Weiler has resigned effective August 26, 2022. Office Manager/Environmentalist Kim Roe has resigned effective September 9, 2022. Dispatcher Ben Ott has resigned effective September 2, 2022.
- Director Tony Personett asked approval to hire Amanda Cable as a Sheriff road deputy effective August 22, 2022. Ron Jarman moved to hire Deputy Cable. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Tony Personett asked permission to post for all open positions within the County. Paul Wilkinson moved to post for all open positions. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Tony Personett asked the Commissioners for an update on the open Solid Waste and Maintenance positions. Commissioner Ron Jarman stated they will be interviewing what applicants they have for the Solid Waste position, after that they will set up a Solid Waste board meeting to discuss. The Commissioners instructed HR Director Tony Personett to repost for the Maintenance position and to send out notices to the applicants who previously applied that they are going to continue to search for a candidate.

Misc.

- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with a Contract for Cost Allocation Services with MALCON for years ending December 31, 2022 through December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$3,850.00 per year for a total of \$11,550.00. MALCON'S cost allocation plans netted the County \$100,075.58 for the 2020 allocation year and for the 2019 year it netted \$81,310.19. This is an increase from our previous vendor, Maximus, who in 2017 brought back \$33,449.00 and in 2018 \$26,036.00. Paul Wilkinson moved to approve the 3-year contract with fixed costs with MALCON. Ron Jarman Seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Commissioners with an amended Travel Expense Reimbursement Ordinance. Employees can be reimbursed from a starting point of their home or the Courthouse, whichever is a shorter distance of travel. Paul Wilkinson moved to sign the amended Travel Expense Reimbursement Ordinance. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Commissioners with change order CCD5 for the chimney cap on the courthouse roof. Paul Wilkinson moved to sign the CCD5 change order. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning updated the Commissioners on their offer to buy the buildings on 2nd street near the courthouse. Current owner rejected their bid stating the lowest they would go is \$179,900.00. Paul Wilkinson moved to reject the proposal of \$179,900.00. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman advised the Spillman server for communications at the sheriff's department is needing to be replaced. A 5-year contract will be \$115,093.08 with maintenance fees in the amount of \$7,516.98 for years two through five. Replacing this server will make us in compliance with the IBR. The cost of replacing the Spillman server can be shared with the City of Rushville. Ron will get with the City of Rushville and report back as to what the County's share of this replacement will be.

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