

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 26, 2022

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, September 26, 2022, with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson and Ron Jarman present. 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 September 12, 2022, were presented. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable claims for September 26, 2022, in the amount of \$710,812.79, were presented. This includes the payment to Union Savings and Loan for the Car Stanley Drain Loan in the amount of \$445,480.00. Also included in the claims in the amount of \$92.99 for a coffee maker to Tweedy Lumber and Hardware that was appropriated out of County General Public Safety. Discussion was held. Paul Wilkinson indicated that the Coffee Maker had to be used for volunteers for the EMA other than just courthouse staff. Jarman made a motion to approve the claims. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for September 30, 2022, in the amount of \$203,117.76, was approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HR

- HR Director Tony Personett presented to the Commissioners with UMR's Summary of Modifications 2022-2023 Policy Plan between UMR and Rush County Employee's. The change included the Telehealth that was added as a covered service. Ron Jarman moved to sign the Summary of Modification and Acceptance Page. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Personett presented the Commissioners with Time off Accruals from Advance Time Keeping Systems. Personett discussed that the accruals still can be adjusted as time goes on. Paul Wilkson moved to sign the Time Keeping Accruals. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Personett advised the Commissioners that Craig Fasbinder resigned at the Highway Department as of September 23, 2022.
- Personett requested approval to hire Brian Sowder effective September 13, 2022, for the Highway Department. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Personett requested approval to hire RT Lower effective September 26, 2022, at the Highway Department. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Personett requested approval to hire Faith Davis as a jailer effective September 26, 2022 at the Rush County Jail. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

JAIL

- Megan Tate was present to discuss issues with the Jail after last week's storm. The storm that Rushville had last week left some damage to the Jail building and with the electric grid in the utility yard. Tate also discussed that Choice Mechanical advised that the floor drains may be stopped up. There may be holes in the copper line. Discussion was held. Paul Wilkinson advised that any invoices that we receive after last week's storm need to go to our insurance carrier. Tate also advised that there is a censor going bad on the Refrigerator Cooling system.

Sheriff

- Chief Deputy Josh Brinson advised the Commissioners there are currently 65 inmates being housed at the jail.
- Chief Deputy Brinson advised that there are some vehicles that are leaking oil.

Health

- Dixie Meyer advised the Commissioners that the Health department will not become accredited with PHAB.
- Dixie Meyer requested approval to apply for a grant application from the Indiana Local Health Department Workforce Assessment. The Rush County Health Department will complete a survey, which will result in the Health Department receiving a \$1,000.00 grant. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve to apply for the Indiana Local health Department Workforce Assessment grant in the amount of \$1,000.00. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Meyer advised the Commissioners that there were 112 reported cases of Covid in September.
- Meyer and Dr. Daughtery also advised the Commissioners of updates they have to the Health Department's staff. The Health Board recommend Dixie Meyer take the administration role in the Health Department. Discussion was held on Amy DeJagar moving to full time and to hire only for an environmentalist without administration duties. Meyer indicated that she would have a conversation with HR and Auditor to determine the exact amount and timeline.

Clerk

- Clerk Angie Buckley requested approval to hire Madonna Hedrick for a part time position to scan documents in the clerk's office. The position will be paid out of the Clerk's Perpetuation fund at \$13.00 per hour. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve to hire Madonna Hedrick for a part time position in the Clerk's office. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Highway

- Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with Title Sheet Plans for Bridge 1 and Bridge 55 for approval. Ron Jarman moved to approve and sign the Title Sheet Plans for Bridge 1 and Bridge 55. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Sitton advised that Bridge 94 is up for letting on October 14, 2022, for Bids.

Misc.

- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented to the Commissioners an Ordinance Adopting an Amendment to the County of Rush Indiana Amended Personnel Policies Handbook. The accrual was approved at the March 29, 2021 meeting in regards to a 12-hour shift worker will receive 12-hours for Holiday Leave, 12-hours of sick leave, 12-hours for personal leave with a cap of 12-hours each. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve the Ordinance Adopting an Amendment to the County of Rush Indiana Amended Personnel Policies Handbook. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning updated the Commissioners on changing all the RMH properties over to Board of Trustees. Continued discussion was held. Ron Jarman made a motion to table transferring property to Board of Trustees. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with a letter from David Doyle in regards to permission for the use of the Rush County Courthouse for their annual Madrigal Dinners. Monday and Tuesday December 5 & 6, 2022, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday December 7 through December 10, 2022, 4:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sunday December 11, 2022, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Bob Lange was present to voice his concerns on a potential solar farm that may be coming in the county.

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