

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS November 7, 2022

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 7, 2022, with Commissioners Paul Wilkinson and Ron Jarman present. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Leigh Morning were also present. Commissioner Mark Bacon was absent.

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

CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable claims for November 7, 2022, in the amount of \$398,686.58, were presented. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the claims. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Accounts Payable claim for November 9, 2022, in the amount of \$230,604.29 were presented for the Courthouse Roof. Ron Jarman moved to approve the claim. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for November 10, 2022, in the amount of \$212,340.04 was presented. This includes elections and payout for Jonathan Heyward in the amount of \$3,317.40. Ron Jarman moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

- Public Defender Bryan Barrett presented the Commissioners with Title IV-E Funding grant proposal through the Indiana Public Defender Commission. This is a federal reimbursement grant with no match to the county. The purpose of the grant will be to reimburse a portion of the county's public defense expenses for Children in Need of Service (CHINS) and Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) cases. This reimbursement is available to all Indiana counties for a portion of the county's public defense expenses that are already being spent. Ron Jarman moved to approve and sign the Title IV-E grant proposal. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AREA PLAN

- Area Plan Director Mike Holzback presented the Commissioners with a petition to amend the Rush County Zoning Ordinance. The amendment would be to change the current classification of 34 parcels on North Carthage Pike from Flood Plain to a classification of Residential. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve the change to the zoning ordinance. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Area Plan Director Mike Holzback presented the Commissioners with a petition to amend the Rush County Zoning Ordinance. The amendment would be to change the current classification of a parcel owned by Ag Production Enterprises at 1796 E 200 S from Manufacturing to a classification of Agriculture A-3. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve

the change to the zoning ordinance. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HR

- HR Director Tony Personett asked the Commissioners permission to post for a full-time female jailer. Ron Jarman made the motion to post for the position. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Tony Personett advised the Commissioners that UMR, our health insurance company, is still covering Covid 19 medical costs at 100%. We would have had to decline this by November 1, 2022 in order to stop the coverage.

HEALTH

- Dixie Meyer advised the Commissioners that Dan Burklow has been hired for the Environmentalist position within the Health Department.

HIGHWAY

- Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with FY23 Railroad Grade Crossing Grant. This is a reimbursement grant with no match by the County. The purpose of the grant is to update railroad crossing signs and markings throughout Rush County on Rush County roads. Ron Jarman moved to approve and sign the FY23 Railroad Grade Crossing Grant proposal. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with the Highway's October monthly report.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners regarding the three replaced vehicles. All three have been stripped out and sold to Campbell Brothers for a total of \$28,000.00.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners on the three new vehicles he purchased. Two of those vehicles are completed and on the road. The other one is waiting on parts to finish the lights.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners on the training hours for his department. A total of 2,142 hours of training have been completed this year.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners on the body cameras for his department. The total for 14 cameras will be \$52,671.00. He is waiting to see where funds can be taken from, within his budget, so he can move forward with this project.

JAIL

- Matron Megan Tate advised the Commissioners she has obtained a quote from QPH to install a new amp for the air handler which would include running new lines for the amp. The quote is for a total of \$5,400.00. Currently the air handler is pulling 30 amps on a 15-amp circuit.
- Matron Megan Tate also advised the Commissioners of another pin hole leak in the recert line for a total of 5 leaks.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman advised that he had received the engineers report on the construction of the jail roof.

MISC

- David Malson, with the Public Defender Board, advised the Commissioners that the Public Defender Board would like to recommend Bruce Levi be appointed to the three-year term on the Public Defender Board. The Commissioners thanked him for that recommendation.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Commissioners with change order CCD-06 for the Courthouse roof. This is for the damaged wood decking that CMR replaced during the month of October. Ron Jarman moved to sign the CCD-06 change order. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning advised the Commissioners that Tim Yazel had sent her an updated Purchase Agreement on the Priddy Building. Discussion was held on property taxes and who the responsible party would be for paying those taxes. Ron Jarman made a motion to offer \$150,000.00 and Priddy would be responsible for paying all property taxes. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice updated the Commissioners on the Liability Insurance renewal. Application should be completed this week and will be presented for approval at the next Commissioner meeting.
- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Commissioners that the remaining offices in the Courthouse should be using the Advance Time Keeping system by the end of November.
- Recorder Kevin Spilman presented the Commissioners with a proposal for US Imaging Inc to scan Photostat Deed Books for a total cost of \$7,278.50. Ron Jarman made the motion to accept and sign the proposal. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- IT Director Randy Herbert advised the Commissioners that the Spillman server at the jail will be replaced at the beginning of the year. There were two quotes submitted on the replacement. One quote was for \$118,000.00 and the other quote was for \$138,929.12 which included 5 years of maintenance. Discussion was held regarding which quote would be most beneficial to the department. Ron Jarman made a motion to accept the Motorola quote of up to \$138,929.12 which includes the 5 years of maintenance. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman discussed the idea of forming a Regional Development Authority (RDA) with Rush County's READI region which would consist of Rush, Shelby, Decatur Counties and Batesville. Ron Jarman motioned to make a favorable recommendation to the County Council to be part of the Regional Development Authority to accelerate rural Indiana. Paul Wilkinson Seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

/Absent/
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Paul Wilkinson/
Paul Wilkinson

/Ron Jarman/
Ron Jarman

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor