

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS December 5, 2022

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 5, 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 November 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 December 5, 2022, in the amount of \$845,207.89, which included the jail bond payment of \$606,500.00 and the courthouse roof debt payment of \$117,015.00, were presented. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the claims. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Accounts Payable claim for December 6, 2022, in the amount of \$325,210.36 were presented for the Courthouse Roof. Paul Wilkinson moved to approve the claim. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for December 9, 2022, in the amount of \$214,107.65 was presented. Paul Wilkinson moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HR

- HR Director Tony Personett discussed with the Commissioners the issues of hiring and retaining employees and the need for competitive wages in the future.

SHERIFF

- Jonna McIntire-Johnson presented the Commissioners with Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative for Law Enforcement Grant proposal. This is a reimbursement grant with no match by the County. The purpose of the grant is to purchase additional Flock License Plate Readers. Paul Wilkinson moved to approve and sign the Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative for Law Enforcement Grant proposal. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

- Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with the Highway's November monthly report.
- Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with the FY23 Railroad Grade Crossing Grant to approve and sign. Paul Wilkinson moved to approve and sign the FY23 Railroad Grade Crossing Grant. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

OFFICIALS ANNUAL BOND RENEWAL

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval, from the Commissioners, for the annual public officials and staff bonds for the period of January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the annual official's bonds. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried

APPOINTMENTS

- Alcoholic Beverage Board – Paul Wilkinson made a motion to appoint Josh Toenessen to Alcoholic Beverage Board. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Area Plan Commission – Ron Jarman made a motion to appoint Kenny Aulbach to the Area Plan Commission. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Attorney – Paul Wilkinson moved to retain Leigh Morning as Rush County Attorney. Seconded by Mark Bacon. Ron Jarman abstained. Motion carried.
- Board of Review – Paul Wilkinson moved to retain Kathy Dean & Dale Gardner to the Board of Review. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Custodial Service – Ron Jarman made a motion to appoint Gilliam Janitorial to the Custodial Service. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- E-911 Board – Paul Wilkinson made a motion to retain Ron Jarman on the E-911 Board. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Economic Development Commission – Paul Wilkinson made a motion to retain Ron Jarman on the Economic Development Commission. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Employee Health Insurance – Paul Wilkinson made a motion retain Ron Jarman on the Employee Health Insurance Committee. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Health Board – Paul Wilkinson made a motion to retain Dr. Russell Daugherty on the Health Board. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Health Board – Ron Jarman made a motion to retain Beth West on the Health Board. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Highway Superintendent – Paul Wilkinson made a motion to appoint Jerry Sitton as Highway Superintendent. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- EMA – Ron Jarman made a motion to appoint Chuck Kemker as EMA Director. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- EMA Advisory Board – Paul Wilkinson made a motion to appoint Mark Bacon to the EMA Advisory Board. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Hospital Board – Paul Wilkinson made a motion to appoint Kenny Aulbach to the Hospital Board. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Hospital Board – Ron Jarman made a motion to reappoint John Byrne to the Hospital Board. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- I.C.A.P. – Mark Bacon made a motion to retain Paul Wilkinson on the I.C.A.P Board. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- LEPC – Ron Jarman made a motion to appoint Mark Bacon to the LEPC Board. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Public Defender Board – Paul Wilkinson made a motion to retain Bruce Levi on the Public Defender Board. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Veteran Service Officer – Ron Jarman made a motion to retain Dannon Todd as Veteran Service Officer. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Workforce Investment Board – Ron Jarman made a motion to appoint Kenny Aulbach to the Workforce Investment Board. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Eastern Indiana Regional Planning – took under advisement.
- Fiber Board – Paul Wilkinson made a motion to retain Ron Jarman to the Fiber Board. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Carthage Henry Henley Library Board – Ron Jarman made a motion to appoint Kim Heim to the Carthage Henry Henley Library Board. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Community Corrections Board – Paul Wilkinson made a motion to retain Ron Jarman on the Community Corrections Board. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mark Bacon recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:30 a.m. to open bids for Gravel and Stone.

2023 BIDS

At 9:30 a.m. the Commissioners opened the following bids:

- Highway Crushed Stone
 - Bids were received from New Point Stone Co., Inc. for the Derbyshire Quarry and the St. Paul Quarry.

- Jerry Sitton recommends accepting all bids
- Ron Jarman made a motion to accept all bids. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Highway Gravel
 - Bids were received from Irving Materials Inc. and Crossroads Aggregates
 - Jerry Sitton recommends accepting all bids
 - Ron Jarman made a motion to accept all bids. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mark Bacon reconvened the regular commissioner session.

2023 COUNTY FARM CONTRACT

- Crossroad Family Farms was present to offer a verbal bid of \$250.00 per acre for the 2023 County Farm Contract. Commissioner Mark Bacon rejected that bid stating it did not meet their floor of \$275.00 per acre. Crossroad Family Farms then placed a verbal bid of \$275.00 per acre for the 2023 County Farm Contract. Ron Jarman made a motion to accept Crossroad Family Farms verbal bid of \$275.00 per acre. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MISC

- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Commissioners with change order CCD-07 for the Courthouse roof. This is for the damaged wood decking that CMR replaced during the month of October and November. Paul Wilkinson moved to sign the CCD-07 change order. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Commissioners with an engagement letter from Rick Borges Real Estate Services, for the appraisal of the Priddy commercial real property. Ron Jarman moved to sign the engagement letter. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Jeff with Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (EIRPC) addressed the Commissioners regarding the benefits of Rush County's membership with EIRPC. He also presented the Commissioners with a letter from Wayne County Commissioners affirming their full support, participation and membership in EIRPC.
- Ron Jarman updated the Commissioners regarding insurance and damages to the jail building, from a previous storm. The Treasurer and Auditor are working together to set up an account to receive payment so repairs can begin.
- Discussion between the Commissioners was held regarding Rush County's membership with EIRPC. Paul Wilkinson was also going to touch base with Rushville City.

Paul Wilkinson made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ron Jarman. 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