

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS November 18, 2022

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Friday, November 18, 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 October 24, 2022, were presented. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve. Mark Bacon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried. Paul Wilkinson abstained from voting due to being absent at this meeting.
- Minutes of the Regular Session held on November 7, 2022 were presented. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried. Mark Bacon abstained from voting due to being absent at this meeting.
- Minutes of the Special Session held on November 10, 2022 were presented. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable Claims for November 18, 2022 in the amount of \$270,058.45, were presented. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve the claims. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for November 23, 2022, in the amount of \$216,065.09, was approved on a motion by Ron Jarman. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PROSECUTOR

- Deputy Prosecutor Phillip Morgan presented the Commissioners with the annual STOP Grant proposal for approval. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the STOP Grant proposal. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice presented the Commissioners with a Local Grant proposal from Beacon Credit Union Foundation for \$15,000.00, with no county match. The purpose of the grant is to assist with the purchase of a K-9 officer for Devin McCollum. Funds will also assist with food, supplies, vet bills and training of the K-9 officer. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve to apply for the Beacon Credit Union Foundation grant. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners on the Flock LPR Grant for the departments body cameras.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners there are currently 45 inmates being housed in the jail, of which none are out of county.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that his department will be going to the annual sheriff school that will take place on December 5, 2022.
- Sheriff Allan Rice informed the Commissioners that jail matron Megan Tate will be going on medical leave starting on December 5, 2022.
- Sheriff Allan Rice informed the Commissioners that the breaker in the communications office was original hardware from the jail construction. The electrical switch was installed by QPH. There was a quote submitted by QPH to fix the breaker to eliminate the issues in the communications office. Ron Jarman made a motion to accept the quote by QPH to fix the breaker. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Allan Rice informed the Commissioners that one of the new black vehicles will be striped next Monday.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman informed the Commissioners there was \$19,000.00 wind damage to the jail building from a storm several weeks ago. The county has a \$5,000.00 deductible and the insurance company is wanting the deductible sent via electronic payment. Commissioner Jarman is looking over the documents to make sure all damage is covered before signing off on it.
- Sheriff Allan Rice presented the Commissioners with the snow removal proposal from Vogel's Landscaping. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to accept the snow removal proposal. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Allan Rice informed the Commissioners that the court order was executed on the Moscow property. Property was secured and no major attempts by homeowner to re-enter have been made.

HEALTH

- Amy DeJager presented the Commissioners with a Workforce Development CoAg Grant proposal for \$50,000.00 with no county match. The purpose of the grant is to extend COVID testing through December 31, 2022 under an agreement with RMH and the Rush County Health Department. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the Workforce Development CoAg Grant proposal. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HR

- HR Director Tony Personett requested permission from the Commissioners to advertise for Deputy Recorder position effective January 1, 2023. Ron Jarman made a motion to advertise for Deputy Recorder position. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- HR Director Tony Personett requested permission from the Commissioners to advertise for Deputy Clerk position effective January 1, 2023. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to advertise for Deputy Clerk position. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- HR Director Tony Personett advised the Commissioners that GIS deputy Cathy Pratt is retiring January 9, 2023. Director Personett requested permission to advertise for GIS position effective January 9, 2023. Ron

Jarman made a motion to advertise for the GIS position. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- HR Director Tony Personett advised the Commissioners that payroll deputy Heather Rolfe has resigned. Director Personett requested permission to advertise for Deputy Auditor position effective December 1, 2022. Ron Jarman made a motion to advertise for Deputy Auditor position. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- HR Director Tony Personett advised the Commissioners that the yearly nepotism paperwork will be going out within a few weeks.

TREASURER

- Treasurer Jodi Harr presented the Commissioners with the October monthly report.
- Treasurer Jodi Harr informed the Commissioners there was a 96% collection rate for fall taxes, with \$811,273.00 left to collect. Treasurer Harr advised that most property owners paid their tax bills by e-check or credit card.

SURVEYOR

- Surveyor Marvin Rees asked the Commissioners permission to close the courthouse for the annual County Christmas party on December 13, 2022, from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Ron Jarman made a motion to allow closing the courthouse for the Christmas party on December 13, 2022. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

- Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with an Extension Agreement with Asphalt Materials Inc. to extend the 2022 liquid asphalt contract through the 2023 construction season. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to accept and sign the extension agreement with Asphalt Materials Inc. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MISC.

- Sande Land from the Senior Center presented the Commissioners with the Center's quarterly report for July-September. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve the quarterly report. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Jessica Roberts with the Extension Office informed the Commissioners that the contractual service agreement had been sent to them in an email from Carly Holland.
- Veteran Brad Hatfield with the American Legion informed the Commissioners that the cannon on the east side of the courthouse needs repaired. Brad Pike has agreed to take the cannon for the winter and work on it as time permits. Davis Towing has agreed to transport the cannon to Brad Pike. All transportation and repairs to cannon are at no cost to the County. Ron Jarman made a motion to allow the repairs to the cannon. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Veteran Brad Hatfield updated the Commissioners on the veteran memorial at East Hill Cemetery. Volunteers have cleaned up the memorial and flowers will be planted in the spring. Hatfield also advised the Commissioners that the American Legion Post 150 will be moving into the old Filling Station building on Perkins Street, and that Veterans Service Officer Dannon Todd will have an office within that building. Discussion was also held regarding the travel needs of county veterans. If any veteran needs transportation, they can contact members of the Legion to help with transportation needs.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning discussed the 2023 Capital Improvement Plan with the Commissioners. She recommended adopting the Plan at their December 19, 2022 meeting to make sure the County Council approves the Regional Development Authority.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with the Liability Insurance Renewal application. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve and sign the Liability Insurance Renewal application. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with the Cyber Liability Insurance application. Paul Wilkinson moved to sign the Cyber Liability Insurance application. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with the snow removal proposal from Vogel's Landscaping for the Courthouse sidewalks. Ron Jarman made a motion to accept the proposal for snow removal from Vogel's Landscaping. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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