

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS December 19, 2022

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 19, 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 December 5, 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 19, 2022, in the amount of \$305,332.66, were presented. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve the claims. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for December 22, 2022, in the amount of \$217,998.11, was presented. Paul Wilkinson moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

LIABILITY INSURANCE

- Josh Estell from McGowan Insurance Group was present to discuss the different options and quotes for liability insurance. Estell did send the application out to the market. Discussion was held. Zurich renewable amount is \$239,897 and Liberty Mutual quote was \$227,000.00. Continue discussion was held on Zurich on some of the claims that were not processed in a timely matter. Ron Jarman made a motion to switch to Liberty Mutual for liability insurance. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held on Cyber Insurance. The County currently does not have MFA (Multi-Factor Authentication) which cause some concerns. Estell indicated there are 3 option. Option 1, Tokio Marine HCC has a limit of liability of \$1,000,000.00 with a Cyber Crime of \$25,000.00 and a \$50,000.00 deductible. Option 2, Tokio Marine HCC has a limit of liability of \$3,000,000.00, with a Cyber Crime of \$25,000.00 and a \$50,000.00 deductible. Option 3, Cowbell has a limit of liability of \$1,000,000.00 with a Cyber Crime of 250,000.00 and a \$25,000 deductible. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve Option 1 Tokio Marine HCC. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

EXTENSION

- Carly Holland requested approval for the 2023 Contractual Service Agreement. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve and sign the 2023 Contractual Service Agreement. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COURT SERVICES

- Ashley Stevens requested approval to make improvements to Mark Field's old office on the 3rd floor. Stevens indicated that the carpet needs replaced and office walls will need painted. The funds will come out of her User Fees and CTP fees. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HR

- HR Director Tony Personett requested approval of the deputy coroner's job description. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the job description. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Personett requested approval to post for circuit court reporter position. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Personett requested approval to post for a fulltime jail cafeteria position. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Personett requested approval for the Tru Scripts Drug Program for the Health Insurance program. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the Tru Scripts Drug Program for the Health Insurance Program. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice indicated that Sheriff Deputy Bobby Peck has graduated from the academy.
- Rice indicated he is having claim issues with Zurich and will talk with Josh Estell from McGowan to help with the claims.

RECORDER

- Recorder, Kevin Spilman requested approval for the CSI Contract. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve the CSI Contract. 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. This is for Sheriff Allan Rice, Debbie Richardson, Krista Hass and Community Corrections. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

GIS

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval for a GIS Data Sharing Agreement for Real Estate Wealth Network. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CONTRACT FOR SHERIFF

- Discussion was held on the Sheriff's contract. The Sheriff is mandated to receive at least 50% of the prosecutor's salary. Ron Jarman indicated there may be an increase with the State Police salaries which could lead to an increase in the Judicial system. Continued discussion was held to do a year contract and then we could re-evaluate during the budget process. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve a one-year contract for the Sheriff's salary to be 54% of the prosecutor salary for 2023 and an adjustment of salary be made if needed in July and the contracted salary amount be negotiated. Motion dies with lack of a second. Continue discussion. Sheriff Rice had requested his salary for the 2023 budget to be \$89,050.00. The Council approved his 2023 salary for \$87,702.00 which included a 2% raise from 2022 salary. Ron Jarman made a motion to leave the 2023 budgeted amount of \$87,702.00 and look at the contract at the end of 2023. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS

- Ron Jarman gave an update on the Community Center. The Community Center had initially requested 1.5 million. The Council had agreed to take 1 million out of the ARPA funds. The Community Center received funding from the county in the amount of \$105,000.00 and that amount will go towards the \$500,000.00. The Council approved 2 million for broadband project out of the ARPA fund. The condition for the funding for broadband that there needs to be a plan for broadband by July 2023. Continued discussion was held. The Council approved at the December 14, 2022 meeting that \$395,000.00 will be paid out of the ARPA funds for the Community Center with the understanding that \$395,000.00 for broadband would be paid out of the Edit funds.
- Ron Jarman held discussion on an IT Assistant position. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve, advertise and to start the hiring process for an IT Assistant position on February 1, 2022. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Jarman gave an update on where they are with broadband.
- Paul Wilkinson held discussion on membership with EIRPC. Ron Jarman indicated that the new president will be from Fayette County. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to go with EIRPC. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MISC

- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Commissioners with an Independent Contractor Contract for Dannon Todd as the Rush County Veteran's Service Officer. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve the contract. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Commissioners with a Janitorial Services Agreement with Gilliam Janitorial Services. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve the Contract. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held on a property located on 202 S Pleasant Street in Milroy. Ron Jarman discussed the property needs torn down. Ron Jarman made a motion to start the process for a Tax Deed for 202 S. Pleasant Street,

Milroy, IN. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented a Cash Farm Rental Contract with the Crossroad Family Farms, Inc. Paul Wilkinson made a motion to approve contract. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

/Mark Bacon/
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Not Present/
Paul Wilkinson

/Ron Jarman/
Ron Jarman

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor