

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JUNE 12, 2017

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 12, 2017 with Commissioners Paul Wilkinson, Mark Bacon, Bruce Levi, Jodi Harr, Auditor and Leigh Morning County Attorney, in attendance.

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

Minutes from the May 30, 2017 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Bruce Levi. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Auditor, Jodi Harr, presented the biweekly claims docket for June 6, 2017 in the amount of \$157,874.22. Bruce Levi moved to approve the claims. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Payroll ending June 16, 2017 in the amount of \$174,960.43 was approved on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Bruce Levi. Motion carried. Chairman Wilkinson noted that an Executive Session was going to be held regarding a time keeping issue.

TREASURER

Treasurer Cindra Humphrey presented the May 2017 County Treasurer's report. She noted that spring tax collections increased compared to spring 2016. She also informed the commissioners that BMO Harris has started charging the county service fees for the money held at their bank. She will be moving that money from BMO Harris to Trust Indiana where it will earn higher interest with no service fees. She also reminded them again that county general is expending more than we are receipting into it.

Humphrey reported that the credit card company was used to collect \$113,815.04 in property tax during spring collections. The system was more user friendly for tax payers than the company used in the past. The only glitch is that the system would not automatically update payments to our tax system on a daily basis. She would have to call IT manager to do that. She requested permission to purchase a system update from Thomson Reuters which would automatically update payments on a daily basis. The cost is \$1,200.00. She has funds in her budget but will need to request a transfer from the county council. This would be a one-time fee. The commissioners asked her to bring this back to them after she has council approval of the transfer.

RIDE RUSH GRANT

Wanda Henderson, Director of the Ride Rush Transit Program, presented the 5311 Operating/5339 Capital Application Package CY 2018 for the Federal Section 5311 Rural and Small Urban Transit Assistance Grant for approval and signature by the commissioners. County Attorney Leigh Morning has reviewed the documents. Henderson noted that she has

received one new vehicle this year. She also requested that a commissioner start attending her quarterly meetings. The following documents were presented for approval and signature:

- Certificate of Assurance – Bruce Levi made the motion and Mark Bacon seconded the motion to sign. Motion carried.
- Local Assurances – Henderson noted that item #3 is not applicable to Rush County. Mark Bacon made the motion to sign. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.
- Statement of Acceptance of the Special Section 5333(b) Warranty – Mark Bacon made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Paul Wilkinson requested a written agreement with the Bookkeeper for Ride Rush be put into place prior to sending this grant to the State of Indiana.
- Applicant's Certification of Use of Project Equipment, Facilities and Property – Mark Bacon made the motion to sign. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.
- Pass Through Agreement between Rush County Commissioners and Rush County Senior Citizens Services Inc. – Mark Bacon made the motion to sign. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.
- Authorizing Resolution 2017-1- Bruce Levi made the motion to approve. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Leigh Morning presented the Commissioners response letter to Todd Jennings of Indiana Department of Transportation regarding the alleged non-compliance of the grant guidelines. Commissioner Paul Wilkinson met with Wanda Henderson and toured the Ride Rush project and Senior Center. Mark Bacon made the motion to sign the response. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried. Wanda will get her written response to Leigh.

COUNTY WEBSITE

Jerry Sitton reported the new county website is now up and running. Some offices will need to make corrections to their pages. Department heads will need to get any update request sent to Jerry Sitton and Carole Yeend.

SHERIFF

Chief Deputy Dave Sliger was present to give the department updates, training updates and statistical information. The current inmate count is 53.

Sliger noted that Sheriff Cowan is seeking ways to save money in the food services and medical services at the jail. He introduced Marie De Weerd with Gordon Food Services to present a proposal on food services. Currently the county pays \$1.92 per meal per inmate. De Weerd's proposal would be \$1.00 per meal per inmate. Gordon Food Services price would include training of the jail staff, providing and developing menus by a registered dietician, inventory program, ordering/price maintenance program, and audit reports monthly. It is estimated that two part time employees would be needed at a cost of \$11.00 per hour. The county would have a savings of approximately \$37,398 after the part time wages are paid. The commissioners thanked her for the information and they had no questions at this time.

NEW JAIL PROJECT

Creek Run LLC would like permission to perform a ground penetrating radar survey at 126 S. Main Street to see if any additional abandoned underground storage tanks are located on the property. The cost is \$600. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Bacon and Wilkinson voted aye. Bruce Levi abstained from voting. Levi asked if another underground tank is spotted, is the county responsible for removing it. Leigh Morning stated yes we are. Commissioner Bacon noted that we are already into the project and it needs to be done.

DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE

Auditor Jodi Harr presented Letter of Engagements between Rush County Government and Keystone Insurance & Benefits Group, LLC to seek quotes for the county employee dental and vision coverage. Bruce Levi made the motion to sign and Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Auditor Jodi Harr presented the Group Excess Reinsurance Quotation for reinsurance coverage for signature by Chairman Paul Wilkinson. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

It was noted the health insurance committee is waiting on one more piece of information and then will make their recommendation for the third party administrator for the county employee health insurance.

CARTHAGE EMS

The May 2017 EMS report for Carthage Volunteer Fire Department was presented for review.

It was noted that dual dispatch is working at this time to help EMS coverage of the Carthage area. Carthage VFD has asked the sheriff to dispatch them on a new frequency that is set up like Raleigh's. The sheriff department is looking at the cost of adding their frequency to our current system. Hopefully Carthage VFD will fund this expense. It is agreed to continue dual dispatch at this time.

Paul Wilkinson met with Carthage VFD Chief Ron Smith. They are working on resolving membership issues and communication issues. Smith apologized to the public for these issues.

CIRCUIT COURT

Due to a leak above the Circuit Court Room, pieces of the suspended ceiling buckled and fell. There is currently a bucket in place to catch the water until it can be repaired by the roof contractor. Judge Northam suspended court due to safety concerns. Court services were moved to the Superior Court last week. Judge Northam is out of the office until June 21 and would like for an engineer to look at the ceiling before he resumes court. Commissioner Wilkinson asked

if the other commissioners would like an engineer to look at the ceiling or the City Building Inspector. Levi and Bacon both agree that an engineer should look at it.

Judge Northam also requested the use of the assembly room to conduct court in until the problem is resolved. The commissioners agreed that the assembly room would be unavailable for any use other than by the court beginning June 19, 2017 through at least the month of June. It was noted that Mondays will be the only day that the court will not be able to use the room due to small claims court and commissioners meetings being held. The auditor will contact court staff regarding the schedule. Evening meetings will be allowed to continue as scheduled.

COURTHOUSE STUDY

Commissioner Wilkinson met with Preservation Collaborative and the Performance Group regarding the study to be conducted of the courthouse facilities. Judge Northam would like the commissioners to honor their earlier decision and continue with the architect firm of KRM as approved in the intent to sign the Preservation Collaborative agreement. Wilkinson noted the options of the commissioners are 1. To sign the \$63,000 agreement with Preservation Collaborative which was approved at the April 3, 2017 commissioner meeting and at the April 12, 2017 county council meeting or 2. Agree to the Performance Service agreement which is not in writing at no cost unless they are awarded the bid to do the work for the project at which time the cost of the study would be added. He also stated we need to maintain the historical interest of the courthouse; however, the safety of the building is the most important consideration. Bruce Levi made the motion to sign the \$63,000 contract with Preservation Collaborative which includes the services of KRM Architecture. Mark Bacon seconded the motion asking if KRM can take a look at the courtroom first. Leigh Morning will contact them to do this soon or to recommend someone who can do this relatively soon. Motion carried.

E911 FUNDS

Rushville City Police Chief Craig Tucker requested permission to pay the salaries of two full time city dispatchers from the E911 funds beginning in 2018. The cost would be \$64,576. Currently all county dispatchers are being paid from the E911 fund. Bruce Levi asked if there was any savings in having one dispatch center. Chief Tucker commented the City of Rushville has no intentions of going to one dispatch center. Due to this being a budget issue, the commissioners referred him to contact the county council at their meeting on June 14.

The next Commissioner's meeting will be held on Monday, June 26, 2017 at 9:00a.m.

Mark Bacon moved to adjourn. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/Paul Wilkinson
Paul Wilkinson Chairman

/s/Mark Bacon
Mark Bacon

/s/Bruce Levi
Bruce Levi

ATTEST:

/s/Jodi Harr
Jodi Harr, Auditor