

**REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OCTOBER 2, 2017**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, October 2, 2017 with Commissioners Paul Wilkinson, Mark Bacon, Bruce Levi, Jodi Harr, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney, in attendance.

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

Minutes of the September 12, 2017 special meeting were approved with a motion from Mark Bacon and seconded by Paul Wilkinson. Motion carried.

Minutes of the September 15, 2017 special meeting were approved with a motion from Mark Bacon and seconded by Paul Wilkinson. Motion carried.

Minutes of the September 18, 2017 regular meeting were approved with a motion from Bruce Levi and seconded by Mark Bacon. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS**

Auditor, Jodi Harr, presented the biweekly claims docket for October 2, 2017 in the amount of \$357,135.99. Bruce Levi moved to approve the claims. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Payroll ending October 6, 2017 in the amount of \$175,263.27 was presented. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

**REASSESSMENT**

Sealed bids for the Cyclical Reassessment Contract were due to the Auditor office by 11 a.m. on September 28<sup>th</sup>. One bid was received and opened by the Commissioners. Nexus Group proposed \$101,000 per year for four contract years for a total of \$404,000.00. Rush County Assessor Mary Ann Bridges requested the commissioners take the bid under advisement to give her a chance to review it. Mark Bacon made the motion to take the bid under advisement. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

**JUVENILE DETENTION**

Ashley Stevens, RCCC Director and overseer of the probation department, presented the annual contract for the Youth Opportunity Center Inc. The county has again ran out of juvenile detention bed days at the facility before the end of the current contract year. Rather than charging the county the higher daily rate through then end of the year, YOC has agreed to a new contract with dates of October 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018. The amount of the contract is \$47,250.00 for 378 bed days during the contract period. Stevens is looking at more options to try and keep juveniles out of the detention center. Bruce Levi made the motion to sign the contract. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

## **AREA PLAN COMMISSION**

After conducting a public hearing, the Area Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation to the Commissioner's requesting to change the Rush County Zoning Ordinance concerning Cemeteries and Agritourism. The specific changes are available for review in the Area Plan Office and in the Auditor Office. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the changes to the Rush County Zoning Ordinance concerning Cemeteries and Agritourism as recommended by the Area Plan Commission. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

## **EMA**

EMA Director Chuck Kemker presented the Rush County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Commissioner's approval. The development of the plan began in 2014. FEMA has accepted the plan. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve Resolution # 2017-2 Adopting the Rush County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Kemker notified the commissioner's the building which the EMA equipment street is stored has been sold. The new owner will be contacting the commissioner's in regards to a plan to keep the equipment there.

## **RUSHVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Laura Steenstrup has resigned from the Library Board. The commissioners have been given three names of library patrons who may be interested in the appointment. The commissioners took this under advisement. Bruce Levi will contact the individuals interested. Levi made the motion to take this under advisement until the next commissioner meeting on October 16. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Wilkinson noted the commissioner's had received the information and offered apologies for not addressing sooner.

## **CONGRESSIONAL SCHOOL INTEREST**

Auditor Jodi Harr presented to the commissioners the Annual Report of the Congressional School Interest for their signature. Mark Bacon made the motion to sign the report and Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

## **HEALTH INSURANCE**

Rush County Employee Health Insurance committee presented the Summary Plan Description for the commissioner's approval. Bruce Levi made the motion to sign the SPD. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

## **HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested the commissioner's to enter into an Equipment Rental Agreement with MTC, Inc. The purpose for the agreement is so that anyone can haul the trailer used to recycle tires which is plated to Marlatt Trucking. The lease should allow the county to get a municipal plate for the trailer. The amount of the lease is \$1.00. Mark Bacon made the motion so sign the lease. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

The September monthly report of the Highway Department was presented.

Rush County was denied funds from the newest Community Crossing Grants. Rushville City and Carthage were awarded some funding.

Sitton reported there is slope failure on Carthage Pike. INDOT and IDEM determined the estimated amount to correct the problem is \$650,000.00. He is trying to federal funding to pay for 80% of the project. If the slope is not fixed, the county will lose the road.

Sitton requested permission to advertise for an employee position. Eric Elwell has given notice of his retirement in December. Bruce Levi made the motion to advertise for replacement. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

### **SHERIFF**

Chief Deputy Dave Sliger reported 53 inmates are currently housed in the Rush County Jail. The department had a busy week and statistical information will be sent out soon. They did take delivery of the two new Ford Explorers. He also commended corrections officers for a job well done on an inmate situation last week. They do have one inmate on suicide watch at this time.

### **PRINCESS THEATER**

On behalf of the Princess Theater Restoration Committee, Sandy Fussner requested permission to use the Circuit Court Room as a fund raising event to show the movie "To Kill A Mocking Bird". Joe Rathz is the contact person and Judge Northam has given his permission. The start time will be around 7 p.m. on December 2, 2017. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the request noting they will need to check in at the Sheriff Department to get the key to the building. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

### **JAIL CONTRACT**

County Attorney Leigh Morning presented a Mutual Release of Contract between the Commissioners and Madonna Hedrick. The contract is being released due to employment status change from contract to full time employee. Mark Bacon made the motion to sign. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

### **SURVEYOR**

Marvin Rees requested permission to advertise for a part time employee do to the full time deputy leaving. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

### **COATS FOR KIDS**

Carole Yeend requested permission to use the courthouse as a collection site to collect winter coats as part of the Fraternal Order of Police Coat drive. Rush Clean Green is a sponsor. There will be collection boxes available October 16 through October 27.

The next regular Commissioner's meeting will be held on Monday, October 16, 2017 at 9:00a.m.

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

/Paul Wilkinson/  
Paul Wilkinson Chairman

/Mark Bacon/  
Mark Bacon

/Bruce Levi/  
Bruce Levi

ATTEST:

/Jodi Harr/  
Jodi Harr, Auditor