

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY 30, 2017

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, May 30, 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 15, 2017 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Bruce Levi. Motion carried.

Minutes from the special meeting held on May 19, 2017 were approved on a motion by Bruce Levi and seconded by Mark Bacon. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Auditor, Jodi Harr, presented the biweekly claims docket for May 23, 2017 in the amount of \$102,646.82. Mark Bacon moved to approve the claims. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Payroll ending June 2, 2017 in the amount of \$175,407.80 was approved on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Bruce Levi. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE STUDY

Judge David Northam was present to comment on the special meeting held by the commissioners on May 19, 2017 regarding the energy efficient study of the courthouse. Judge prepared a written statement to read to the commissioners. In summary, he and Mike Montgomery from Preservation Collaborative would be happy to meet with whomever but would like to see the proposal from Performance Services prior to the meeting. He is requesting the commissioners honor their earlier vote and enter into the contract with KRM without further reductions or personnel substitutions. A copy of his statement is on file in the county auditor's office.

Commissioner Bruce Levi would like to see both parties to meet to develop a plan to work together. Mark Bacon agreed to set up the meeting.

Jim Christie from Performance Services was present. Their company is a design build company that performs energy and efficiency studies. There is no charge to the county up front; however, if they receive the bid to do the work on the courthouse, the cost will be added to the bid. They are currently working with the City of Rushville on the Rushville City Center. Once they bid on a project there will be no cost changes. He is willing to meet with Judge Northam to make sure this fits into the Preservation Collaborative plan. They can work with the architects recommended by the Judge. As far as funding a project, they would recommend using a firm who specializes in public works financing.

EMA

EMA Director Chuck Kemker requested permission to attend training in Alabama. There is no cost to the county. It is an incident management class. He will be gone for five days. Bruce Levi made the motion to allow the travel and training. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE

Chuck Kemker notified the commissioners that he came in each of the three days over Memorial Day weekend to drain the coil drip pans on the air conditioning unit in the attic. He has had to do this daily if not twice a day over the last couple of weeks.

Dave Drew from QPH was present to explain the two quotes prepared for the repair of the cooling system. He commented that they have been in contact with Trane because of the difficulty in getting to the coil. He has asked Trane for a cost quote for the replacement of the coil. His recommendation is to place pumps in the pans in order to buy time to figure out a permanent solution. The second option is to tear out the unit and that would be very costly. Bruce Levi made the motion to install three pumps at a total cost of \$965.00. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried. There are two units; however, QPH will only be putting pumps in the north unit. There is currently no problems with the unit on the south.

MILROY PROPERTY – HENSON

The commissioners took deed from tax sale to parcel # 70-14-12-383-006.000-001 212 N. Main Street Milroy owned by Henson's with the intention of transferring it to the Anderson Township Volunteer Fire Department.

County Attorney Leigh Morning presented a Warranty Deed and Sales Disclosure Form to transfer the property from the Rush County Board of Commissioners to Anderson Township for the price of \$1.00. Bruce Levi made the motion to sign the transfer deed. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

NEW JAIL PROJECT

A Temporary Access Agreement between Rush County Commissioners and Herdrich Petroleum was signed by Commissioner Paul Wilkinson on May 19, 2017. It was necessary to sign the agreement prior to the commissioner meeting in order keep continual process on the soil sampling being required by the State of Indiana. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the contract. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton made the recommendation to the commissioners to accept the bid from Southeastern Equipment for a 2018 International Distributor in the amount of \$202,414.00. The bids were opened at the May 15 commissioner meeting and taken under

advisement. Bruce Levi made the motion to accept the bid as recommended by Sitton. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Cowan gave department updates and noted there are currently 62 inmates housed at the jail.

Sheriff Cowan noted that he is currently looking for options to save county tax dollars for inmate food preparation, medical providers and other areas for cost savings. He will have a report for them soon.

JAIL INSPECTION

On May 17, 2017 the Indiana Department of Corrections did their annual jail inspection for Rush County. Commissioner Paul Wilkinson read the findings report from the state. Rush County has 180 days to develop a plan of action including funding for a design/build/remodel phase for the Rush County Jail to remediate all of the noncompliance issues. It was noted by a tax paying Rush County citizen and by the sheriff of the state continuing to place unfunded mandates on counties.

CODE RED CONTRACT

Sheriff Jim Cowan informed the commissioners of his recommendation to terminate the current contract with Code Red, Emergency Communications Network LLC, who provides emergency alerts to citizens. He has found a less expensive system that will offer more services to the county. Bruce Levi made the motion to terminate the contract effective June 21, 2017. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

NIXLE/EVERBRIDGE

Sheriff Cowan and EMA Director Chuck Kemker presented a new emergency contact system. Nixle would cover weather, amber alerts, etc. Their system is being used by surrounding counties. They both feel this system will be better for county residents, law enforcement agencies, fire departments and other emergency services. Citizens will need to register with the new provider. Mark Bacon made the motion to sign a quote from Nixle in the amount of \$5,400 for one year. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried. An official contract is to be provided to county attorney Leigh Morning for her review and brought to the next regular commissioner meeting on June 12, 2017.

HEALTH INSURANCE

PCE, the new agent for Rush County Employee Health Insurance, requested a Standard Stop Loss Disclosure Form be signed in order to obtain quotes for the counties re-insurance carrier. Mark Bacon made the motion to sign. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

A Consulting Services Agreement between Dialysis PPO and Rush County was presented for their services in reducing the cost of outpatient dialysis services. Employees and families will not see any changes to their benefits. The county attorney has reviewed the contract and

her requested changes have been made. Bruce Levi made the motion to sign. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

The next Commissioner's meeting will be held on Monday, June 12, 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