

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JULY 24, 2017

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 24, 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 July 3, 2017 special meeting with the Rush County Council were approved with a motion from Mark Bacon. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried

Minutes of the July 10, 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 July 24, 2017 in the amount of \$207,994.62. Mark Bacon moved to approve the claims. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Payroll ending July 24, 2017 in the amount of \$180,767.65 was presented. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

EXTENSION

Gracie Marlatt and Extension Board members Mike Wicker and Mark White were present to ask the commissioners for permission to replace one of the two full time employees in the extension office. Danielle Halcomb is resigning as of September 13, 2017 and Diana Wright is retiring effective July 28, 2017. They would like for the person to start approximately September 5, 2017 which would give them five days to work with Danielle. There is money in the extension budget to pay for the overlap in pay. The County Council gave their approval this morning. Both of these positions are paid by the county. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve hiring one replacement. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER

Rush County Treasurer Cindra Humphrey presented the June financial report. She noted that the delinquent mobile home letters were sent out. There are eleven delinquent mobile home properties. She also reported there are eighty properties certified on the 2017 property tax sale. The sale will be on October 11, 2017.

Humphrey also encouraged all county departments to only expend within their current department budgets so that the county does not have to request additional appropriations during the last half of the year.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented a contract with INDOT for engineering services for Bridge # 127. The twenty percent match for the county will be paid from the Special LOIT distribution received last year. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the contract. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

He also reported that because of the rain last week, the Carthage Pike repairs have been delayed. They will hopefully get started this week.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Auditor Jodi Harr had three letters that needed a signature from the Commissioners.

Mark Bacon made the motion to sign a letter to TrueScripts giving permission for United Healthcare (UMR) to provide Personal Health Information for employees who have health insurance through Rush County to TrueScripts for utilization of pharmacy benefits. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

The second letter was terminating services with RX Help Centers effective August 1, 2017. Bruce Levi made the motion to sign the letter. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

The third letter was terminating services with HIIG effective August 1, 2017. Mark Bacon made the motion to sign the letter. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

2018 SALARY RECOMMENDATION

Auditor Harr presented each commissioner with copies of the 2018 Salary Form 144 prepared by each department head. According to IC 36-2-5-4 the county commissioners shall make a recommendation to the county council on salaries for the following budget year by August 20. The commissioners scheduled a commissioner workshop for Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the auditor's conference room to review the form 144'2.

EMS REPORT

The June 2017 EMS report was received from Raleigh Fire Department/Mays EMS.

OFFUTT COVERED BRIDGE

Mary Griffin from Milroy requested permission to close the road leading to the Offutt Covered Bridge for a wedding on September 16, 2017 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Mark Bacon made the motion to allow the road closure. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried. Griffin will be responsible for notifying the Sheriff department when the road is closed and reopened.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Jim Cowan gave department statistics and training updates. There are currently 61 inmates housed at the jail. He invited those interested to participate or to donate to the K9 golf outing being held Saturday, July 29. The K9 program is completely funded by this golf outing and donations.

COUNTY PHONES

Terri Shoufler from Espy Services introduced herself and Espy. They provide billing audit and analysis services for phone and internet services. They review our current phone bills from all vendors to verify that we are being charged the correct fees. They can also work on better discount rates for the county. There are no up-front fees for their services. They charge 45% of what the county saves due to their services. The commissioners took the information under advisement and will share the information with IT Manager Randy Herbert.

RIDE RUSH TRANSPORTATION GRANT

Ride Rush Director Wanda Henderson presented a package of information for the commissioners and county attorney Leigh Morning to review regarding the quarter report for the 2nd quarter of 2017. The report is due to the state by August 15. The commissioners will make every effort to have the information reviewed by their August 7 meeting.

The next Commissioner’s meeting will be held on Monday, August 7, 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