

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, September 18, 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 1, 2017 regular meeting were approved with a motion from Mark Bacon and seconded by Bruce Levi. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Auditor, Jodi Harr, presented the biweekly claims docket for September 18, 2017 in the amount of \$370,870.53. Bruce Levi moved to approve the claims. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Payroll ending September 22, 2017 in the amount of \$174,602.63 was presented. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSURANCE COMPANY

Commissioner Bacon noted that Environmental Assurance Company has been in contact with him regarding the payment made by the county for their services doing clean up on the ceiling in the circuit court room. Their estimate was higher than the cost that was written on the work order left in the auditor's office after the completion of the work. The commissioners approved the claim to pay the lower amount. After much discussion, Commissioner Bacon made the motion to pay the additional \$670.00 with a letter to Environmental Assurance stating the commissioners understood the June 30, 2017 was a quote not the actual cost and see if they did the asbestos test. Commissioner Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSTITUTION WEEK

Carole Yeend, Representing the Rushville Chapter of the DAR, requested the commissioners sign a proclamation stating the week of September 17 through September 23 is Constitution Week in Rush County. Commissioner Wilkinson read the proclamation. Commissioner Bacon made the motion for the commissioners to sign the proclamation. Commissioner seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Cindra Humphrey was unable to attend; however, she did email the Month Ending August 31, 2017 Treasurer Report to the commissioners. It was received and reviewed.

EXTENSION OFFICE

Gracie Marlatt informed the commissioners that the part time position for their office has been advertised.

RIDE RUSH

Wanda Henderson, Rush County Transport Director, notified the commissioners that the second quarter Ride Rush Transportation Grant Report has been sent. The second new transport vehicle is on the way. The Center is in need of drivers.

She reminded the commissioners of the possibility of creating a County Ordinance stating that Ride Rush is the Rush County transportation provider. She needs this in order to continue to purchase Municipal plates for their vehicles. County Attorney Leigh Morning will check on this.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested the commissioners to sign the cover sheet for the Bridge # 138 Federal Aid project located at 715 W north of Homer. Bruce Levi made the motion to sign the plans. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Sitton also presented the August monthly report.

In another matter, Sitton requested permission from the commissioners to advertise a notice to bidders to purchase a hydrostatically driven, front wheel drive, self-propelled chip spreader. Bruce Levi made the motion to advertise the bids to be received in the auditor's office by 9 a.m. on Monday, October 16, 2017. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Auditor Jodi Harr requested that Commissioner Chairman Paul Wilkinson sign the Health Reinsurance company application and endorsements. Bruce Levi made the motion for him to sign. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

EMS REPORTS

August EMS reports were received from Carthage Volunteer Fire Department, Raleigh Fire Department, and Rush Memorial Hospital. Rush Memorial Hospital also submitted their financial report through June 2017.

REASSESSMENT

The commissioners noted that contract bids for the Reassessment process will be accepted at their October 2, 2017 meeting.

EMA

The Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan will be presented to the commissioners at their October 2, 2017 meeting.

NEW JAIL PROJECT

County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the commissioners with a proposal from DLZ regarding the design changes to the jail plans. They have come up with a way to increase the number of beds from 107 to 119. The change would be paid from contingency funds so the total cost would not increase. Morning reported that the county council and the building committee are in favor of the change. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the increase in the number of beds to be paid from contingency funds. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Morning also presented a change order from Razmus for the demolition of the Rush Shelby Building. Due to the extra delays related to the project and the decision to keep the fiber hut intact, there will be an additional cost for them in the amount of \$42,775 making their total cost \$111,102.00. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the change order. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Cowan reported fifty two (52) inmates currently housed in the Rush County Jail. He also went over current department statistical information.

WIND FARMS

Commissioner Levi asked when the moratorium on wind issues expire. County Attorney Leigh Morning could not remember. Levi would like for it to be extended for another twelve months due to current litigation still pending. Levi made the motion to extend the moratorium on wind farms for another twelve months. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

VACATE ALLEY REQUEST RALEIGH

Archie Brewer from Raleigh requested to vacate an alley behind his property. He presented an aerial view of the property. He owns property on both sides of the alley. Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton that explained that all property owners along the alley has to be notified before the commissioners can make that decision. Brewer has been given the instructions on the procedure to vacate an alley be the auditor's office.

The next regular Commissioner's meeting will be held on Monday, October 1, 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