

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JANUARY 25, 2016

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, January 26, 2016 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson, Mary Ann Beard Auditor and Attorney Leigh Morning in attendance.

Commissioner President Bruce Levi called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the December 28th meeting were approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Bruce Levi.

Minutes for the January 11th meeting were approved with a correction on the BZA appointment. Paul Wilkinson moved to approve as amended. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK

Debbie Richardson Clerk of the Courts presented a maintenance contract with Microvote. The contract increased from \$9,500 to \$12,000. Mark Bacon moved to sign the contract and Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Clerk then asked for approval of the polling locations for the May Primary Election. Paul Wilkinson moved to approve the locations presented. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PURDUE EXTENSION

Gracie Marlatt Interim Extension Agent reported that enrollment for 4-H is complete.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Ashely Stevens director of Community Corrections presented the grant application supporting the budget for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Mark Bacon moved to sign the submission letter to the Department of Corrections. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Stevens then introduced the new Probation Officer Aimee Lykins. Ms. Stevens explained the collaboration between the Community Corrections department and the Probation Department. To accommodate the two departments additional space is required. Permission to remove a temporary wall in the vacant probation office was requested. Motion to approve the demolition was initiated by Mark Bacon. Commissioner Wilkinson asked if the fees collected would be split between the two departments and received a positive response. Mr. Wilkinson then seconded the motion and the motion carried.

TREASURER

Treasurer Cindy Humphrey returned to this meeting for the purpose of attaining signatures on the Board of Finance minutes.

Paul Wilkinson move to sign the Board of Finance minutes. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMA

EMA director Chuck Kemker stated that the weather station is now connected to the internet.

February 16th the Department of Homeland Security is presenting a Senior Officials Workshop for All-Hazards Preparedness. The training session will be conducted at Rush Memorial Hospital beginning at 9:00a.m.

AREA PLAN

Bryant Niehoff announced that his office is fully operational. Carmen Clark the new administrative assistant was introduced. The county boards will meet the second Wednesday of each month with the APC meeting at 6:00p.m. and the BZA meeting at 7:00p.m. Monthly reports will be presented beginning in February.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Cowan reported 36 inmates are currently housed at the Rush County Jail. Training continues with 3 officers attending pipeline safety training and another receiving interviewing techniques training. There has been another arrest in the card skimmer fraud case. Cowan reported that computer equipment is being consolidated to conserve heat and electricity. The annual contract for HVAC with Quality Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$4,865 was signed on a motion Mark Bacon with Paul Wilkinson seconding the motion. Motion carried. The Sheriff submitted the annual report of the Commissary Fund with an ending balance of \$28,617.15.

JAIL CONSTRUCTION

A contract for Construction Control Inc. with Jack Krouse serving as the Contract Manager for the construction of the Rush County jail was approved on a motion by Mark Bacon with Paul Wilkinson seconding the action. Motion carried.

DLZ was awarded the contract for architectural services with Eric Rattz, AIA serving as the Architect. Mark Bacon moved to sign the DLZ contract. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jerry Sitton informed the board that he had received notification from IDEM for approval of site characterization for the removal of the underground tank at the proposed jail construction site.

RALEIGH EMS

Verlin Custer Raleigh Volunteer Fire Chief provided a final report for 2015 of the run times for the ambulance. Custer explained that dual dispatch with Carthage is improving and that they will have two new EMTs in February.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton shared that Terry Asphalt was questioning the bids for liquid asphalt that were let in December. Mark Bacon moved to send a letter explaining the selection of the successful bidder. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A copy of a Tort Claim received by the County has been sent to our insurance broker Neace Lukins.

The Department of Corrections has submitted a contract for the repair of the unofficial detour for the 3rd street project. The contract in the amount of \$85,980 to repair 1st Street and Seven Hills Road was signed on a motion by Commissioner Wilkinson and seconded by Commissioner Bacon. Motion carried.

Paul Wilkinson moved to send the Highway annual report to LTAP.

COURTHOUSE

Wellman Brothers, submitted a quote to install a copper roof vent to replace the defected vent for the elevator shaft. The amount of \$697 was approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COVERED BRIDGE CERTIFICATION

Auditor Beard presented the certification for five covered bridges in Rush County. Mark Bacon moved to sign the certificate with Paul Wilkinson offering a second to the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY

The sale of the county owned property in Sexton will not take place until February 22nd due to legal advertising requirements.

BONDS

The Commissioners signed bonds for thirteen employees as part of the compliance with the State Board of Accounts directive. Paul Wilkinson moved to sign the bonds. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMS

Monthly Emergency Medical Service reports were received from Rush Memorial.

Bi-weekly claims were approved after the explanation of a \$4,770 claim to QPH for a heat exchanger at the jail. Mark Bacon moved to allow the claims and Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Payroll claims were approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson and Mark Bacon approved the payments. Motion carried.

Paul Wilkinson moved to adjourn. Mark Bacon seconded the motion.

/s/ Bruce Levi
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon
Mark Bacon

/s/ Paul Wilkinson
Paul Wilkinson

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor