

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FEBRUARY 8, 2016

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 8, 2016 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson, Mary Ann Beard Auditor and Attorney Leigh Morning in attendance.

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

Minutes of the January 25th meeting were approved with a correction to the Highway, Department of Transportation. Mark Bacon moved to approve as amended. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

The bi-monthly claims were presented by the Auditor with a change in the payment to Jerry Gulley Construction. The invoice will be paid from the Cum Cap fund rather than the IT fund. Paul Wilkinson moved to approve the claims. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Payroll was approved as presented on a motion by Mark Bacon and a second from Paul Wilkinson. Motion carried.

JAIL BUILDING CORPORATION

The Commissioners need to appoint no less than three, and no more than five members to the Jail Building Corporation. Bruce Levi and Paul Wilkinson were still waiting for people to respond. A special meeting will be conducted at 3:30p.m. on February 12, 2016 in the Auditor's Office.

APC

Bryant Niehoff, Area Plan Director, reported that he had an organizational meeting with the Commissioner and County Council appointees. The county board is in the process of hiring an attorney and consultant. Niehoff presented the monthly report for January.

TREASURER

Treasurer Cindy Humphrey along with City Attorney Julie Newhouse appeared to discuss the removal of property tax penalties on three parcels in the city limits. Ms. Newhouse explained the Blight Elimination Grant that has been awarded. There are currently twelve properties in the program. Mark Bacon moved to table the request until additional information is attained. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Cowan reported that the current jail population is down to 31. Training continues with 2 deputies attending the law enforcement academy and training on a fire arm

simulator and driving simulator scheduled. Cowan reported that leads on the recent pop machine thefts are being investigated and the third suspect on the gasoline skimmer theft has been arrested in Tennessee. Reports show that 69 people were arrested in January 2015 compared to 96 arrested in January 2016. All efforts to promote protection from the flu are being encouraged at the jail.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton shared the department's monthly report for January. The report reflects the addition of the Cumulative Capital Development fund for bridge inspection. Two quotes to repair the First Covered Bridge and the Moscow Covered Bridge were received. The First Covered Bridge requires \$2,900 in repairs, while the Moscow Bridge will cost \$6,800 to repair.

Sitton presented a contract with Butler Fairman Engineering to design and attain right of way for Bridge #20 on County Road 1000 North. Mark Bacon moved to sign the \$41,050 contract. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

JAIL CONSTRUCTION

The request for proposals for a land survey on the new jail site was answered by three surveyors. Those quotes were Coor Consultants \$5,950; Scholle Surveying \$12,650; and 40th Parallel \$16,300. Commissioner Bacon made the motion to name Coor Consultants for the project. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney Leigh Morning stated that the case of eminent domain on the Pavey building was filed today.

COURTHOUSE REQUESTS

The Children's Bureau received permission to place the annual pinwheel garden for the awareness of child abuse on the courthouse lawn on a motion by Paul Wilkinson and a second by Mark Bacon.

A request to have a wedding in the courthouse will be handled by Commissioner Levi. The Commissioners also had a request to join a campaign to exhibit "In God We Trust" in the Commissioners chamber. Carole Yeend was instructed to post the request on the county's website before a decision is made.

EMS

An EMS run report for Carthage was reviewed,

Mark Bacon moved to adjourn. Paul Wilkinson 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