

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MARCH 7, 2016

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 7, 2016 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson, and Mary Ann Beard Auditor and Attorney Leigh Morning had another commitment.

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

Minutes of the February 22nd meeting were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 26th were approved with one addition. The third missed meeting was cancelled as Mr. Cain arrived at the Courthouse. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve with the addition and Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

The Commissioners reviewed the claims as presented by the Auditor. Mark Bacon moved to allow the claims. Paul Wilkinson seconded the action and the motion carried.

The payroll claims were signed on the motion by Mark Bacon. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

JAIL CONSTRUCTION

Patriot Engineering received the contract for geotechnical services for the new jail project on a motion by Mark Bacon with Paul Wilkinson seconding the motion. Motion carried. The other companies that submitted bids were ATC and Earth Exploration.

PURDUE EXTENSION

Acting agent Gracie Marlatt reported that there are interviews scheduled for tonight to search for a replacement Extension Agent.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

APC director Bryant Niehoff submitted the monthly report. The APC has 5 items on their agenda for the next meeting and the BZA has 4 petitions.

EMA

EMA director Chuck Kemker appeared before the board with titles to the Health Department's and LEPC's trailers. Mr. Kemker was asking that the Commissioners sign the titles so that the trailers could be traded for one thirty-two foot gooseneck trailer owned by Jim Cowan's Boy Scout troop. Paul Wilkinson moved to approve upon advice of the County Attorney. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

The only business reported by Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton was his department's monthly report.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Cowan reported six arrests by courthouse security. Five gun permits were issued and two sheriff sales were conducted. Dispatch received 425 calls. Training continues with two transport officers attending a class and two officers attended breathalyzer training. There was one death investigation and an attempted suicide in the jail. Thirty five inmates are currently incarcerated.

A Rush Shelby Energy Grant will allow the purchase of Remington Law Enforcement Rifles for the patrolmen. The trade-in value is \$100 per retiring gun. The officers would like to purchase their rifles at that cost. Mark Bacon moved to allow officers' purchase pending legal determination by the County Attorney. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheriff Cowan also announced that a fundraiser for "Homes for Our Troops" is being planned for April 23rd in Milroy.

RIDE RUSH

The quarterly operating financial status report for Ride Rush was submitted to the Auditor by Executive Director Wanda Henderson. Commissioner Levi requested that although this report does not require the signatures of the Commissioners, he would like to see the director present the report.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

EMS reports were reviewed for Rush Memorial Hospital, Raleigh Volunteer Fire, and Anderson Township Volunteer Fire Department for the month of February.

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

Commissioner Levi paid respect to our Rush County Veteran Service Officer, Steve Land who passed away this week. The Commissioners asked the Auditor to research the necessary requirements to fulfill the duties of a Veteran Service Officer. Mark Bacon moved to begin the process and Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

INDOOR BATTING CAGE

Frank Denzler reported that his new business "Line Drives" has experienced a busy opening. Denzler stated that his batting cage facility will cater to the sixty-two local teams that participate in baseball and softball.

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