

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MARCH 21, 2016

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 21, 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 March 4th meeting were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Commissioners reviewed the bi-weekly claims as presented by the Auditor. Mark Bacon moved to allow the claims subject to review of the Carthage and Anderson Township monthly fire department claim. Paul Wilkinson seconded the action and the motion carried.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cindy Humphrey, Treasurer presented the monthly report on tax collections. There was an increase in collections due to the billing of a reconstruction drain. Humphrey reported the file for the 2016 tax bills have been sent to the processor and bills are slated to be mailed the first week of April.

PURDUE EXTENSION

Gracie Marlatt reported that a new extension agent, Carly Holland has been hired. Marlatt then asked for permission to install an interior door on an office in the Extension Department to be paid by the office. Mark Bacon moved to approve the request. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

APC director Bryant Niehoff submitted a recommendation to amend the zoning map for a 15 acre plot owned by the City of Rushville from A-1 Rural Residential to C, Commercial. The property being considered is located on W US Highway 52. Mark Bacon moved to approve the rezone request. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Niehoff explained that BZA member Lois Hatfield had recently been ill. In order to assure a quorum to conduct business, Niehoff asked if Steve Cain could be temporarily appointed to replace Mrs. Hatfield. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to allow Mr. Cain to represent the Commissioners on the BZA for the next meeting only, if Lois Hatfield is unable to attend. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Sandy Fussner reported that the annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place in the park on Saturday.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Cowan reported 39 inmates currently incarcerated at the Rush County Jail. The weekly update of department activities included a training exercise using a vehicle and firearm simulator. A total of 1,015 hours of training have been logged which included one officer attending the academy.

COURTHOUSE

- A request for a bike rack was tabled on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Paul Wilkinson
- A quote from QPH to replace a pulley on the air compressor at a cost of \$740 was taken under advisement unless there is an emergency. Motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Mark Bacon. Motion carried.
- EMS reports were reviewed for Carthage Volunteer Fire Department.
- The Auditor has advertised the position of Veteran Service Officer. The deadline to submit application is 4:00p.m. March 31st.

TORT CLAIM

A Notice of Tort Claim has been received from the attorneys representing Flat Rock Wind, LLC/Apex Clean Energy, Inc.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Auditor Mary Ann Beard presented a request from the Health Department to amend the charges for the Rush County Birth and Death Certificate Records. The proposed changes are as follows: Certified Birth and Death Certificates \$20; Unsigned or Non-certified copies of Birth and or Death Certificates \$10. Commissioner Wilkinson moved to accept the fee changes for the Health Department. Commissioner Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY

Attorney Leigh Morning completed the deed and the sales disclosure form for the sale of County owned property to Johnie D.Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton was awarded the property in a sealed bid process on February 22nd. Mark Bacon made the motion to sign the deed and sales disclosure form. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EASTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Jeff Plasterer, Interim Director of the newly formed Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission encouraged a three year membership into the five county community and economic development agency. Assessment is based on population and Rush County would have four members that would serve on the board. The first board meeting is slated for May. No action was taken.

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