

**REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APRIL 4, 2016**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 4, 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 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Auditor Mary Ann Beard presented the bi-weekly claims. Mark Bacon questioned a jail claim to Plainfield Correctional Facility for the safekeeping of James Ketchum. Sheriff Cowan stated that there was a medical issue that could not be handled locally. Paul Wilkinson moved to pay the claims. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

**PURDUE EXTENSION**

Gracie Marlatt introduced Carly Holland the new 4-H Youth Director and Extension Educator. Ms. Holland is a Rushville High School graduate and a 10 year 4-H member.

Marlatt also explained that starting June 1<sup>st</sup> a new Nutrition Education Program with a Community Wellness coordinator will become a part of the Extension Office.

A door was installed on an office and quotes are being received to relocate electrical outlets

**VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER**

The Commissioners received seven applications for the vacancy of Veteran Service Officer. A letter of recommendation was received for applicant Don Rolfe from Sande Land and family. Mark Bacon moved to appoint Don Rolfe to a four year term as Veteran Service Office. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**TIF DISTRICT**

The County received a Tax Impact Study from Umbuagh for the proposed downtown TIF area being initiated by the Rushville Redevelopment Commission. A public hearing will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m.

**ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR**

The Auditor reported that the annual health fair and health screening provided by Rush Memorial Hospital to county employees covered by the county health insurance will be held on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **INDOT**

The Commissioners received a letter from the Indiana Department of Transportation notifying them that soil boring will begin on the Cherry Street extension from Harcourt Way to 200 N.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Auditor Mary Ann Beard will order the “In God We Trust” sign after the board notifies her of the determination of a stencil or painted sign.

The request for a bike rack that was tabled from the last meeting was approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson to purchase a bike rack at a cost of \$290 with placement to be determined. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **EIRPC**

The Commissioners have 3 appointments to the newly formed Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission. Paul Wilkinson stated that we need representation on this board and volunteered to serve on the Commission. Mark Bacon seconded the action. Motion carried. The auditor will advertise for the remaining two appointments.

## **EMS**

The only EMS report was received from Anderson Township Volunteer Fire Department.

## **ATTORNEY**

Attorney Leigh Morning addressed the fence dispute filed by Allen Hurst in Richland Township. Indiana Statute states that such a dispute is settled by the trustee. The Richland Trustee had a conflict of interest. The complaint was then handed to the Anderson Trustee but it was not resolved. Mark Bacon moved to have Ms. Morning send a letter to all property owners involved and contact the Noble Township Trustee to negotiate a resolution. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Cowan reported 46 inmates are currently housed at the Rush County Jail. Several long knives have recently been removed from the Courthouse. The Sheriff was asked to attain updated signage to include all weapons. Tom Monka asked what the definition of weapon is. Cowan delivered his annual report. Radar training will take place on Friday and an active shooter training will take place in the Courthouse April 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. Paul Wilkinson and Mark Bacon offered their approval of the Active Shooter exercise.

## **CIRCUIT COURT**

Judge Northam announced to the Commissioners that there was massive heat in two offices of the Circuit Court and it was cool in the other office.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Chamber Director Sandy Fussner offered the use of the Chamber Office to the Veteran Service Officer.

**DAVID HINER**

County Resident David Hiner expressed his frustrations with the APC. Hiner stated that the new director could not find and therefore could not provide him with a list of requested documents. Hiner wanted a moratorium on the Area Plan Office. Commissioner Levi stated the he cannot support a moratorium at the time.

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

/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