

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, May 31, 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 May 16th meeting were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Auditor Mary Ann Beard presented the bi-weekly claims. Beard questioned why training expenses were paid from the commissary fund rather than the travel & training appropriation. Mark Bacon moved to sign the claims docket with the exception of the two claims to reimburse the commissary fund. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

SOLID WASTE

Director Carole Yeend reported that she had recently attended a conference. Yeend also requested that the Commissioners find someone to serve as a back-up web master.

APC

Executive Director Bryant Niehoff submitted a request for a rezone from Custer Farms. Niehoff reported that the BZA and the APC passed the change from regulated livestock to manufacturing to expand the business at 1744 E 700 N. Paul Wilkinson stated that since this is an expansion of an existing business that it was not so much of a concern, but he was not crazy about spot zoning. Wilkinson then moved to accept the request. Mark Bacon seconded the motion and the motion carried.

RECORDER

Recorder Kevin Spilman presented a contract for electronic recording procedures with Simplifile an e-recording vendor. There is no cost to the county. Mark Bacon moved to approve. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ISBDC

Peggy Cenova of the Indiana Small Business Development Center explained that her role is to help develop and enhance small businesses. The organization is hosted by Ball State University and they partner with the ECDC and the Rush County Chamber. Cenova pointed out that they have assisted five new business in Rush County and asked that the Commissioners continue to support their organization.

EMA

EMA director Chuck Kemker was seeking permission to sell an old 1992 dump truck valued at \$500. A hoist had been removed from the truck. Mark Bacon moved to sell the truck with the stipulation that it be moved within a week of the sale. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kemker reported that part II of the active shooter training will take place on July 11th. A grant in the amount of \$5,300 from Rush/Shelby REMC was awarded to the Rush County EMA. The funds will be used to purchase new VHF radios for the department.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Cowan reported 66 (54 male and 12 female) inmates currently housed in the jail. The possibility of housing low level inmates in the upstairs of the jail is being investigated. Narcotic and Alcohol Anonymous meetings are now offered and the jail and have been well received.

Mark Bacon moved to sign the title to Auto Body Damage and Appraisal Salvage Company for a 2011 Crown Victoria vehicle that was totaled in a recent accident. Paul Wilkinson seconded the action and the motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented a supplemental agreement with Butler, Fairman and Seufert due to errors and omissions with the construction of Carthage Pike Phase 3. The amount of the increase is \$39,800. Rush County will be responsible for 20% of that figure. Paul Wilkinson moved to sign the agreement with Mark Bacon seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Sitton reported that he and Councilman Steve McCorkle attended a meeting presented by INDOT for the disbursing of the special distribution of road and bridge funds. Bridge #170 on 450 E is scheduled for replacement in 2019. Sitton requested the use of \$200,000 from the special distribution to use as a 50% match for this bridge project. Paul Wilkinson moved to approve the use of the funds. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW JAIL

Ron Jarman reported that he met with the project engineer from Duke Energy regarding the relocation of utility poles in conjunction of the building of a new jail. The plans are to relocate guided poles south on Morgan Street to the south side of Water Street and east to Julian Street. The cost of removing the utilities in the alley remains at \$280,000. Herdrich Petroleum is redesigning the Shell Station adjacent to the proposed jail and is working with our architect in the process.

Jarman was thanked by the Commissioners for his effort on this project.

QPH

Two quotes were review from QHP. The replacement of the motor pulley on the air compressor for \$740 and the cost to replace the two courthouse boilers with high efficiency boilers at \$64,818. The proposals were tabled to the next meeting.

EMS

Monthly ambulance run sheets for the Anderson Fire Department were reviewed.

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

/s/ Bruce Levi
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon
Mark Bacon

Absent
Paul Wilkinson

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor