

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 27, 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.

### **CLAIMS**

Bi-weekly claims were presented by Auditor Mary Ann Beard. Mark Bacon moved to sign the claims docket. 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.

Minutes of the June 13 meeting were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **EMA**

EMA director Chuck Kemker reported that the security cameras have been installed in the courthouse with the exception of the camera for the elevator. Kemker received a grant for the additional courthouse cameras but needs funds to install the elevator camera. A wireless installation would cost \$2,012 while a cat 5 cable installation would cost \$3,622. The cable would be installed by the elevator company Thyseen Krup. Mark Bacon moved to accept the wireless quote to be paid from the Cum Cap fund. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kemker reported two large storms recently. Carthage received the most damage but the city of Rushville was without power.

A fish kill was reported in Decatur County but it was traced back to Rush County. That investigation continues.

### **CORONER**

Coroner Christy Hall stated that the coroner van has been housed at Moster's Mortuary but must be moved. Hall was seeking a new location for the van. Sheriff Cowan volunteered space in the Sheriff's garage.

### **AIR CONDITIONING**

Superior Court Judge, Brian Hill shared his feelings of frustration that the air conditioning in the Courthouse is not working once again. Hill stated that there have been issues with the system since he came to work for the County. The Judge expressed that it is an embarrassment when the public has to endure the heat and it is nearly impossible to work under these conditions. Hill wanted to know if there was a plan.

## **APC**

APC director, Bryant Niehoff explained to the board that the county needs a new comprehensive plan. This new plan would be the basis for updating the zoning and sub division control ordinances.

## **CHAMBER**

Chamber of Commerce director, Sandy Fussner informed the board that the fireworks display for the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration has been moved to the amphitheater at Riverside Park.

## **SOLID WASTE**

Carole Yeend announced that tox-away day is Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00a.m. to noon. Yeend stated that there is currently no charge for disposing of televisions but that may soon change.

## **DAVID HINER**

Taxpayer advocate David Hiner stated that he continues to search for ordinances and noted that some documents require wireless telecommunications. Hiner continued with examples of official actions in May 2006 that he felt were not executed properly. For the second time Hiner demanded that all business with the APC office cease. Although APC director Niehoff was noting the complaints, attorney Leigh Morning advised against the closing of the APC office. Spectator Tom Monka noted that the county is at a critical point with the APC board voting to proceed with a comprehensive plan. No action was taken.

## **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Jim Cowan reported the following: Deputy Rice attended Vehicle Operator Instructor training; the jail is currently housing 58 inmates; Center Stone is administering an electronic device for pain management; and transport miles continue to rise.

Cowan announced that LT Terry Drake was nominated as Deputy on the year of the Indiana Sheriff's Association. Drake delivered a baby earlier in the year. Michael Harr was also nominated for saving a woman by instructing her husband to administer the Heimlich maneuver over the phone.

## **HIGHWAY**

Jerry Sitton reported that funding for bridge 127 was in jeopardy because the county's ADA Title 6 is not compliant. The unofficial by-pass on 100 West and West 1<sup>st</sup> street to State Road 44 are being paved this week.

**AUDITOR**

Mark Bacon moved to sign a Resilience Health Insurance Policy presented by Auditor Beard for the County's 2017 renewal. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A title for a 1992 Ford truck was signed at the request of the EMA director. Mark Bacon made the motion to sign the title so it may be sold. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**BRIDGE CLOSING POLICY**

Attorney Leigh Morning presented a policy for closing a bridge for a private event. Paul Wilkinson moved to approve as presented. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

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Bruce Levi, Chairman

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Mark Bacon

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Paul Wilkinson

ATTEST:

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Mary Ann Beard, Auditor