

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 13, 2016 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon, Mary Ann Beard Auditor and Attorney Leigh Morning in attendance. Paul Wilkinson was absent due to illness.

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

Minutes of the May 31st meeting were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bi-weekly claims were presented by Auditor Mary Ann Beard. A claim submitted by Christy Hall for a gift for the Coroners conference was pulled on a motion by Mark Bacon who moved to sign the claims docket with the exception of the claim that was in question. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

### **APC**

Executive Director Bryant Niehoff submitted the monthly report for the Area Plan Commission. The APC department received 7 requests for residential improvements, one Commercial/Ag improvement, an APC request for a 1 lot subdivision, 9 special exceptions and one variance for the BZA and 2 new 911 addresses.

Consultant Shelly Wakefield recommended that APC move forward with a new Comprehensive Plan to replace the 2008 plan. The Commissioners tabled the topic until the next meeting.

### **TREASURER**

Cindy Humphrey, Treasurer presented her monthly report. Tax collections increased by \$717,039.19 over the same collection in 2015. The office is mailing letters to delinquent taxpayers and there are currently 107 parcels eligible for tax sale.

### **RIDE RUSH**

Wanda Henderson director of Ride Rush presented the grant application for 2017. Henderson explained that the grant includes the funding of two new vehicles. Mark Bacon moved to sign the grant application and Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried. A motion approving the filing of the application with INDOT in the form of a resolution was initiated by Mark Bacon and seconded by Bruce Levi. Motion carried.

## **EMS**

It was noted that EMS and quarterly financial reports were received from Raleigh Volunteer Fire Department, Rush Memorial Hospital, and Anderson Township Volunteer Fire Department.

## **COVERED BRIDGE WEDDING**

Jacob Fowler requested the use of the second covered bridge for a wedding on June 10, 2017. Fowler will be responsible for notifying the public through radio & newspaper, and closing the road. Mark Bacon moved to approve, with Bruce Levi seconding the motion. Motion carried.

## **HIGHWAY**

Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the monthly report for May.

## **STELLAR PROGRAM**

Brian Sheehan reported that the city has been gathering community indicators for the application of the Stellar Program. Gathering this information will allow us to develop a scorecard to work together on our strengths and weakness. Sheehan asked the Commissioners to sign a letter of support of the city's efforts to attain Stellar recognition. Mark Bacon moved to sign the letter. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **EMA**

EMA director Chuck Kemker announced a public meeting of the multi-hazard mitigation steering committee to conduct a strategy planning session. The meeting will take place on July 13, 2016 at 10:00a.m. in the Assembly Room of the Rush County Courthouse.

## **ECDC**

Economic Development director John McCane shared that there were two major site visits to Rush County last week and his office has been very busy.

## **SHERIFF**

Chief Deputy Dave Sliger reported 60 inmates currently housed in the jail. There have been arrests on the destruction of mailboxes. The reserve deputies will be working the Rush County Fair. Sliger announced that the sheriff car proposal was not ready.

## **RUSHVILL LIBRARY BOARD**

Laura Steenstrup was appointed to her fourth term on the Rushville Library Board on a motion by Mark Bacon. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**QPH**

In old business Bruce Levi reported QPH’s bid to repair the compressor was avoided when he had the serviceman tighten the fly wheel. Levi asked for more information from Stan Richards on the estimates of the cost savings plan is association with new boilers.

**EXTENSION OFFICE**

The Purdue Extension office submitted a contract for summer employee Monica Dougherty. Mark Bacon moved to sign the contract and Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**INTERNAL CONTROL, MATERIALITY, AND ETHICS POLICY**

Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Commissioners with an ordinance governing the minimum internal control standards and determining the materiality threshold for Rush County Government. Commissioner Bacon moved to sign the ordinance. Commissioner Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

An ethics, internal control, and materiality policy was submitted to the Board for consideration by Ms. Morning. Bruce Levi moved to approve the policy. Mark Bacon seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Levi called for a ten minutes recess. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. The meeting was reconvened.

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

A medical stop loss health benefit plan with HIIG was signed on a motion by Mark Bacon. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mark Bacon moved to adjourn. Bruce Levi 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