

**REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SEPTEMBER 6, 2016**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, September 6, 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 meeting of August 22nd were approved on a motion by Commissioner Paul Wilkinson. Commissioner Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**APC**

Bryant Niehoff, APC executive director asked if the Commissioners had any questions with the budget breakdown and the contract with Jacobi, Toombs & Lanz. Mark Bacon asked if the cost will be split between the city and the county. Niehoff stated that the County will bear most of the cost.

Commissioner Levi had concerns with the cost of the JTL contract. Mr. Niehoff noted that the contract is used at a minimum knowing the hours will be required for bigger projects.

Attorney Morning informed the board that there needs to be a temporary appointment for the next BZA meeting. Lois Hatfield has a conflict with business on the agenda and the alternate Steve Cain is unavailable. Mr. Jeff Morgan has been approached to fill the temporary vacancy.

**SOLID WASTE**

Director Carole Yeend reported a successful tox-away day. Sixty residents participated and 11 skids of Televisions were collected. Members of the community corrections program participated in the collection. Mrs. Yeend invited the Commissioners to attend a tox-away day.

**AUTO INSURANCE**

Community Corrections Director Ashley Stevens appeared once again to share her frustrations with Assured Partners Insurance. Stevens revealed that the vehicle insurance bill she received for the first quarter was \$4.75 and a recent bill showed that \$1,264 was due for the fourth quarter. The auditor was instructed to ask Kevin Krekeler to attend the next meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The Commissioners set October 3, 2016 for a public hearing on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act Compliant Procedure. The meeting will take place at 9:05a.m. in the Assembly room of the Rush County Courthouse.

## **SHERIFF**

The Sheriff reported a continuing decline in the inmate count with 54 inmates currently occupying the jail. Sheriff Cowan stated that the garage has been cleaned out in preparation for the construction of the new jail. Twelve hundred pounds of unused prescription drugs have been taken for incineration. Sheriff Officers have made 18 interdiction stops the past week resulting in 3 arrests. The Commissioners signed a memorandum of understanding between the County and Rush County Schools allowing off-duty officers to participate in the security officer/school resource officer program. Mark Bacon moved to sign the contract with RCS and Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **JAIL CONSTRUCTION**

DLZ architect Eric Ratts met with Mark Bacon and Sheriff Cowan and reviewed the jail plans room by room. Contractors for Duke Energy found an unidentified line while trying to relocate electric poles. Leigh Morning has sent letters to CASA, Ivy Tech, and to the owner of Line Drives to give the 90 days' notice of evacuation in accordance with their contracts.

## **AUDITOR**

- Auditor Mary Ann Beard presented surety bonds for Susan Spaeth, Missy Fizer, and Joyce Durbin Miller. Mark Bacon moved to sign the bonds. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The quarterly report for Ride Rush was submitted showing 3,027 passengers and 44,387 miles traveled.
- Senator Jean Leising forwarded a copy of a letter to a resident regarding an issue with a septic system repair.
- The Auditor asked when repairs would be made to the water damaged Assessor's office and assembly room.

## **BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS**

Notice has been received from the Indiana State Board of Animal Health that an animal from a cattle farm in Franklin County had tested positive for tuberculosis. Consequently, eighteen herds in Rush County must be tested. Paul Wilkinson moved to sign the contract for testing and to appropriate \$7,200 for the cost. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **CLAIMS**

The payroll claims were presented by the Auditor. Paul Wilkinson moved to approve the payroll. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims were approved on a motion by Mr. Bacon after he received an explanation from Chuck Kemker on a claim to Walnut Ridge. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Attorney Leigh Morning noted that Mike Pavey agreed to the original proposal offered by the county which gives the county access in thirty days from August 12<sup>th</sup>. Evacuation will take place in 4 months. If the sale price cannot be agreed upon, three court appointed appraisers will be used. Paul Wilkinson moved to sign the agreement. Mark Bacon seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Mark Bacon moved to adjourn with Paul Wilkinson seconding 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