

**REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OCTOBER 31, 2016**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, October 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 to the flag.

Minutes of the regular meeting of October 17<sup>th</sup> were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Paul Wilkinson. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Executive Session of October 20<sup>th</sup> were approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson. Mark Bacon seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Minutes of the Special meeting of October 20, 2016 were also approved when Mark Bacon offered the motion and Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**JAIL CONSTRUCTION**

Eric Ratts of DLZ presented an update on the future jail. Ratts was seeking approval to solicit bids for construction which will be due December 20<sup>th</sup> with the pre-bid meeting scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup>. Mark Bacon moved to release the bid documents. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The bids for demolition have been let with a pre-bid meeting slated for November 2<sup>nd</sup> and the bid opening scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**RECORDER'S CONTRACTS**

Kevin Spilman, Recorder presented three software contracts with CSI for approval. Paul Wilkinson moved to approve the microfilm, disaster, and the maintenance contracts. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**JUVENILE DETENTION CONTRACT**

Ashley Stevens explained that we have exhausted our contracted days with Youth Opportunity Center for 2016. Stevens said the resolution is to enter into a new contract expanding the bed days to 300 at \$125 per day. Mark Bacon moved to sign the new contract when it arrives. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**BIG BROTHERS & BIG SISTERS**

Alisa Winters representing Big Brothers & Big Sisters requested permission to auction a private tour and catered diner as part of the fund raising event on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Winters will work with Surveyor Marvin Rees to arrange the event. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the request. Mark Bacon Seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **RIDE RUSH**

The Department of Transportation, Office of Transit has approved an operating assistance grant for Ride Rush. Wanda Henderson requested the signature of the Commissioners to enter into the grant agreement. Paul Wilkinson moved to sign the grant with Mark Bacon offering a second and the motion carried.

## **COURTHOUSE SNOW REMOVAL**

The contract with Gilliam Janitorial has included snow removal. Mr. Gilliam has decided that he no longer wants to include that service in his contract. Gilliam submitted a proposal from Kurt Vogel for snow removal to Bruce Levi. No action was taken since the service is subject to bid approval.

## **EMA**

Chuck Kemker submitted his name to retain the position as the Director of Rush County EMA/DHS.

## **TAX SALE CERTIFICATES**

The City of Rushville has requested the assignment of six tax sale certificates. Mark Bacon moved to assign the tax sale certificates to the City. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **COMMERCIAL INSURANCE**

The Commissioners received contact information from Paul Moster an insurance broker from Brookville regarding liability and worker's compensation insurance. Commissioner Wilkinson noted that he thinks it is time to look at other proposals but we will need specifications to advertise. Since it is so close to renewal, it was decided to see what Assured Partners presents. Resident Tim Webb stated that a contract can be broken at any time.

## **AUDITOR**

Auditor Mary Ann Beard asked permission to hire a deputy to replace Jodi Harr, the Auditor elect. Beard explained that there are funds in the GIS budget to allow that person to begin in December for training as back up for GIS. Paul Wilkinson moved to allow the request. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **EMS**

The monthly report from Anderson Volunteer Fire Department for EMS services was reviewed by the Commissioners.

## **SHERIFF**

The Sheriff reported the population has declined to 39 prisoners in the Rush County Jail. Activities of the week included 2 new thefts, 1 burglary, 1 new fraud case, and a fight in cellblock "A" resulting in 6 arrests. Cowan met with INDOT to discuss the dangerous

intersection at State Road 3 and 244 in Milroy. Many improvements have been made at the crossing and the Sheriff feels that driver inattention is a major factor. A town hall meeting will be held at the Milroy Methodist Church on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. for public input. Cowan has asked INDOT for traffic and speed counters and a follow up meeting will be conducted on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **DUKE ENERGY**

Ron Jarman representing the jail committee presented an invoice from Duke Energy for a fixed price of \$133,484.68. Jarman stated that the cost is half of what was originally proposed and urged the Commissioner to accept the offer. Paul Wilkinson moved to approve the agreement. Mark Bacon seconded the motion adding his appreciation for all that Mr. Jarman has done for the jail project. The cost of moving the lines for Frontier remains an unknown.

### **COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

Bruce Levi received a complaint that the trees on State Road 44 east of Rushville need attention. Levi was informed that the corridor of trees located on the state highway is an issue for INDOT.

### **FIBER HUT**

Attorney Leigh Morning presented a sales agreement with Cellsite Solutions, LLC for the purchase of a used fiber hut at the cost of \$21,535. Mark Bacon moved to approve the purchase with Paul Wilkinson seconding the motion. Motion carried. Paul Wilkinson moved to pay fifty percent of the purchase price which is due at signing and the remainder due upon delivery. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Morning then presented a contract with Rush Shelby Energy approving the relocation of the fiber hut. Terry Jobe, CEO of RSE conveyed that his board has approved the agreement. Paul Wilkinson moved to approve the contract and Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **CLAIMS**

The Auditor presented the regular claims with one comment. Community Corrections director Ashley Stevens submitted a claim to Staples for gift cards used as incentives in drug court. The Auditor is waiting for a response from DOC to verify that this is an eligible expense for Community Corrections user fees. Paul Wilkinson moved to pay the claims but hold the Staples claim until verification is received. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Payroll was approved as presented on a motion from Mark Bacon with Paul Wilkinson offering the second to the motion. Motion carried.

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