

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOVEMBER 28, 2016

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 28, 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 November 14th were approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mark Bacon moved to approve the minutes of the Executive Session dated November 21st. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

The Commissioners signed a proclamation declaring December 11th Indiana Statehood Day closing the year-long celebration of Indiana's Bicentennial.

EMA

Chuck Kemker presented nine annex documents for the County's CEMP which were approved by the advisory council. Due to the volume of material to be reviewed before adoption, Mark Bacon moved to table the decision until the next meeting. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Kemker also noted that the grant for new radios was denied, but an amplifier to Milroy School was approved.

COURTHOUSE CLOSED

Marvin Rees was given permission to close the Courthouse from Noon until 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13th for a Christmas luncheon. Mark Bacon moved to approve and Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion.

HORSE AND PONY CLUB

The request for the 4-H Horse and Pony club to meet in the Courthouse on Sunday afternoons was approved with the understanding that Gracie Marlatt would be responsible for the security of the building. Motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Paul Wilkinson.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Ashley Stevens asked if the area on the third floor that was vacated by the Clerk could have the carpet replaced before a new office administrator occupied the space. The carpet would be purchased with Community Correction funds. Mark Bacon moved to approve the request with Paul Wilkinson seconding the motion.

TAX SALE PROPERTY

Nick White representing the Anderson Township Volunteer Fire Department requested help to acquire a property that was offered at the 2016 Tax Sale but did not sell. The address is 212 W Main Street, Milroy. Attorney Moring advised that the Commissioners should take deed to the property and then transfer it to the fire department. Paul Wilkinson moved to proceed with the transfer and Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RESIDENT COMPLAINT

James Darling of Milroy complained that his residence has a bad sewer odor and his yard floods when it rains. Bruce Levi agreed to talk with Joe Christmas from Anderson Township Sewer and Water.

CRAIG CUSTER

Resident Craig Custer requested an appointment with Bruce Levi to discuss the wind farm issue. Levi agree to meet next week.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Cowan reported an inmate count of 57, 43 males and 15 females. Recent activities included 2 property damage accidents, 1 car/deer accident, 1 new sex offender, 2 thefts, and 3 new fraud cases. Bliss McKnight will be providing a driving simulator for training and the detectives are working with Randolph County on recent vehicle thefts.

APC

Acting APC director, Marvin Rees requested a public hearing for two proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance. Attorney Leigh Moring noted that no public hearing was required and the Commissioners should make a favorable or unfavorable decision.

AUDITOR

Auditor Mary Ann Beard presented a proposal from APEX Benefits to update our health insurance plan document and summary plan description. Paul Wilkinson moved to allow Bruce Levi to sign for the amended plan. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Beard then notified the board that the DLGF sent information that an additional \$129, 563 had to be cut from the budget. This could be accomplished by reducing appropriations in the 2016 budget, reducing the 2017 budget or finding additional revenue for the General Fund.

The Personnel Committee has recommended that job descriptions be incorporated before any amendments are made to the personnel policy. Beard introduced a proposal from Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele and Associates with an estimated cost of \$15,000 for 78 job descriptions. Bliss McKnight acknowledged that they would contribute 10% of the cost. No action was taken.

R.J. Kunkle submitted a proposal of \$15,000 to repair the roof and masonry at the Courthouse. The Commissioners noted that there was no request for this work. Mark Bacon moved to reject the bid with Paul Wilkinson seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Beard reported that the new FLSA overtime rule has been suspended and the threshold remains at \$23,660 per year.

Reminders-The public hearing for the vacated alleys at Arlington Christian Church is scheduled for December 12th, annual bids and appointments are scheduled for December 27th, and the first meeting in January has been changed to January 6th.

JAIL

Attorney Leigh Morning notified the Commissioners that members of the building corporation for the new jail would be attending the next meeting. The members are Larry Mull, Bill Herdrick, Nancy Rice, and Jeff Innis. A replacement is being sought for Bruce Talbot.

Ms. Morning presented a notice of intent from IDEM for the discharge of storm water. Mark Bacon moved to sign the form. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A mediated settlement agreement was determined to pay Michael P. Pavey the sum of \$60,000 as compensation as the result of eminent domain proceedings along with payment of the mediator's fee. Paul Wilkinson move to sign the agreement. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Demolition bids for the jail project were opened on November 14, 2016. Bids from Razmus Demolition Services and R.L. Coon Excavation Inc. were taken under advisement. DLZ Engineers reviewed the bid documents and determined that Razmus Demolition Services was the lowest responsive and responsible bid. Mark Bacon moved to accept the bid from Razmus. Craig Custer questioned why would you award a bid for demolition without letting bids for the entire project? Bruce Levi responded that the bid was less than the projected budget. Paul Wilkinson moved to second the motion. Motion carried.

Payroll was approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion and the 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