

**REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECEMBER 27, 2016**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met for their last regular session of the year on Tuesday, December 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 at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge to the flag.

Minutes of the regular meeting of December 12<sup>th</sup> were approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING-JAIL LEASING**

Bruce Levi called the public meeting to order to hear public input on the leasing of the jail to the Jail Building Corporation. The Corporation will own the jail property until the bonds have been retired. The County will lease the property from the Corporation during that time. Hearing no public input, Mark Bacon moved to close the public hearing with Paul Wilkinson seconding the motion. Paul Wilkinson moved to sign the resolution approving the execution of the lease and related matters. Mark Bacon seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**CLAIMS**

Auditor Mary Ann Beard presented the biweekly claims docket. Mark Bacon moved to sign the claims. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Paul Wilkinson moved to approve the payroll claims. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CIRCUIT COURT**

Commissioner Levi noted that a letter from Judge Northam regarding the updating of the courts has been received.

**COURTHOUSE BOILER**

Stan Richards representing QPH was present to discuss a quote for two new boilers in the Courthouse. An earlier quote of \$64,818 and \$4,750 for purging the water lines would be upheld by QPH. The old boilers will remain in place at this time. The payback in energy savings would be less than five years. Any action was delayed until the advertised bids were heard.

**ADVERTISED BIDS**

The annual bids to be heard at 9:30 a.m. were opened by County Attorney Leigh Morning. The bids were accepted as follows:

- Fuel-Harvest Land Co-op. Motion to approve by Mark Bacon. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Crushed Gravel. Motion to approve all bids based on the area serviced was initiated by Mark Bacon. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Crushed Stone. Mark Bacon moved to accept all stone bids. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Hot Mix-Mark Bacon moved to accept the Hot Mix bid of \$57.75 per ton from Floyd Crim and Sons, Inc. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Equipment and Operators. Paul Wilkinson moved to accept the bid from A.K. Shannon. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **IDEM & FEMA**

Commissioner Levi presented notices from FEMA and IDEM concerning environmental and flood map issues.

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Cowan reported that the inmate count is lower this week with a total of 46 inmates. Cowan stated that there was a problem over the weekend with the 800mghz radios. The Sheriff stated that there needs to be a process of notification to affected agencies from the State. Cowan and Ron Jarman has suggestions to remedy the problem,

### **HIGHWAY**

Superintendent Jerry Sitton noted that his department collects a great deal of discarded tires. Sitton would like to purchase a semi-trailer and add the insurance to the county's plan. The county would enter into an inter-local agreement with the Rush County Solid Waste district for the transportation of the recycled tires. Mark Bacon moved to allow Mr. Sitton to move forward with the request. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **NEW JAIL**

Ron Jarman representing the Jail Committee appeared to re-visit the "Evergreen Clause" proposed by Duke Energy. Jarman reported that it was explained that the agreement only pertained to the county's future need to move an underground line on the Southside of Water Street. Attorney Morning noted that is not what is stated in the contract and that the clause needs to be clarified. Mr. Jarman will relay the message to Duke Energy.

Morning presented a fee agreement for financial services from Umbaugh & Associates for the jail project. Mark Bacon moved to sign the letter of engagement. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **ANNUAL CONTRACTS**

The following employment contracts were approved:

- Veteran Service Officer, Don Rolfe. Motion by Mark Bacon. Seconded by Paul Wilkinson.
- Jail Administrative Assistant, Madonna Hedrick. Motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Paul Wilkinson.

- Prosecutor Investigator, Catherine Custer. Motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Mark Bacon.
- Janitorial contract. Will be considered later in the meeting.
- EMA contracts with Raleigh Fire Department, Anderson Township Fire Department, and Carthage Fire Department were approved with the elimination of paragraph 1.4 and 1.5 concerning fax machines on a motion by Mark Bacon. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- RMH contract for ambulance services was put on hold until the next hospital board meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Attorney Morning instructed the board to schedule an executive session for the purpose of Economic Development for Flatrock Wind; threatened litigation in writing from West Fork Wind and Circuit Court Judge David Northam. The meeting will be scheduled for January 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., in the Auditor's Office of the Rush County Courthouse.

Mark Bacon moved to recess for the Drainage Board hearing at 11:00 a.m., to reconvene at 11:30 a.m. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bruce Levi reconvened the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

### **BOND**

A bond in the amount of \$300,000 for Treasurer Cindy Humphrey was signed on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Paul Wilkinson. Motion carried.

### **APC**

The Commissioners were presented the Inter-local Agreement suspending the prior joint planning and zoning agreement with the City of Rushville. Paul Wilkinson moved to sign the document. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Interim APC Director, Marvin Rees was granted permission for the APC to move forward in hiring a full time director and full time secretary on a motion by Mark Bacon. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion and the motion carried. The County Council will need to reconfigure the 2017 budget to accommodate the budget needs of the APC.

### **COURTHOUSE ROOF**

Bruce Levi proposed the hiring of Wellmen Brothers to proceed with the replacement of the valleys on the Northside of the Courthouse. Mark Bacon moved to approve the repairs pending the receipt of an estimate. Mr. Bacon rescinded the motion tabling the action until a quote is received.

## **CYBER INSURANCE**

Kevin Krekler, Assured Partners inquired if the county was interested in a Cyber Policy in the event of a cyber- attack. Commissioner Levi will confer with IT personnel to discuss the issue.

## **JANITORIAL CONTRACT**

Gilliam Janitorial Service submitted a proposal to renew the contract at the previous rate but eliminate snow removal from the contract. Discussions ensued about the possibility of using inmates for snow removal or hire a professional service. Paul Wilkinson moved to contract with Gilliam Janitorial Service in the amount of \$54,948 and hire Vogel's Landscaping for snow removal on an incident basis. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

The Commissioners made the following board appointments:

- ABC-Michael Daubenspeck, motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Mark Bacon. Motion carried.
- APC –Surveyor Marvin Rees, motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Mark Bacon. Motion carried.
- APC & BZA-Ben Wicker, motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Paul Wilkinson. Motion carried. Bruce Levi voted “no”.
- County Attorney-Leigh Morning, motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Mark Bacon. Motion carried.
- Board of Review-Kathy Dean & Dale Gardner, motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Paul Wilkinson. Motion carried.
- BZA-Craig Trent, motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Bruce Levi. Motion carried. Mark Bacon voted “no”.
- E-911 Board-Ron Jarman, motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Mark Bacon. Motion carried.
- Highway Superintendent-Jerry Sitton, motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Mark Bacon. Motion carried.
- EMA Director-Chuck Kemker, motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Mark Bacon. Motion carried.
- Hospital Board-John Bryne, motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Paul Wilkinson. Motion carried.
- Health Board-Dr. Stussey, Dr. Craig Fenimore, and Bruce Levi, motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Paul Wilkinson. Motion carried.
- Community Corrections Board-reappoint current members, motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Paul Wilkinson. Motion carried.
- Eastern Indiana Regional Planning-Paul Wilkinson, Carole Yeend, and Jordon Hall, motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Paul Wilkinson. Motion carried.

- Fiber Board-Bruce Levi, motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Mark Bacon. Motion carried.

### **COURTHOUSE HVAC**

QPH submitted a letter of renewal for the maintenance of the courthouse HVAC. Action was tabled until a contract is submitted.

### **TIMBER HARVEST**

Mark Bacon has contacted Jayson Waterman, Conservation Office regarding the timber harvest on the Rush County Farm. Bacon was given a list of private vendors.

### **COURTHOUSE AWARD**

As part of the bicentennial celebration, the Rotary Club of Plainfield awarded Rush County as one of the top ten courthouses in the State of Indiana. Mark Bacon, Gerald Mohr, and Marvin Hedrick attended the presentation.

The next Commissioner's meeting will be held on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00a.m.

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

//Bruce Levi  
Bruce Levi, Chairman

//Mark Bacon  
Mark Bacon

//Paul Wilkinson  
Paul Wilkinson

ATTEST:

//Jodi Harr  
Jodi Harr, Auditor