

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOVEMBER 14, 2016

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 14, 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 meeting of October 31st were approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

JAIL CONSTRUCTION

Eric Ratts of DLZ was present for the opening of the demolition bids for the jail construction project. Attorney Leigh Morning opened two bids that were submitted. The first bid from Razmus was \$68,327. R. L. Coon Excavating submitted a bid of \$144,447.50. Paul Wilkinson moved that the bids be taken under advisement. Mark Bacon seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ron Jarman representing the Jail Committee reported that there is a discrepancy of 4 feet in locating the underground lines for Frontier. Jarman recommended that Josh Miller be hired at \$1,250 to locate the underground cable using a vacuum process. Paul Wilkinson moved to accept the quote pending proof of liability. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CYBER SECURITY

Randy Herbert and Ron Jarman addressed the issue of cyber security after the recent ransom situation in Madison County. Herbert noted that Rush County has taken many steps to avoid such an attack. Off-sight back up storage, fixed firewalls, and filters on the website along with four layers of anti-virus support for e-mails are among the many precautions taken by our IT department. Mr. Herbert strongly recommended that social media be locked down to block Facebook, Instagram, and other outlets. There may be a problem with some of the investigative offices requiring social outlets for tracking. Herbert's recommendation is to have an individual provider such a Comcast which will reside outside our network for use by certain agencies. Mark Bacon moved to block social media to county employees. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Cindy Humphrey presented the monthly report for October noting a few increases in collections. Humphrey explained that she plans to invest some of the highway funds with Trust Indiana Fund at a rate of .57%. Payments will be distributed to the State of Indiana must be made by automated clearing house (ACH).

PURDUE EXTENSION

Gracie Marlatt announced that it is time to sign the annual contract for the joint venture between the County and Purdue. The contract is a service agreement for Extension services and agents. Mark Bacon moved to sign the contract. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SURVEYOR

Marvin Rees announced that the Area Plan Commission will conduct a hearing on NextEra wind farm at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16th at the Laughlin Center of Rush County High School.

Rees then requested permission to close the courthouse for one hour on Tuesday, December 13th to hold a Christmas party. The Madrigal Singers have been invited to join us. Mark Bacon moved to allow the closing with the hour being determined by schedule of the singers. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

CHAMBER

Chamber Director Sandy Fussner reported that Christmas on Main and the Santa Parade will take place on Friday, November 18th at 6:00p.m.

VACATED ALLEY

Arlington Christian Church has asked to reschedule their request to vacate alleys adjoining their church property. Mark Bacon moved to advertise a public hearing on December 12, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

- Requests for reappointment have been received from Chuck Kemker and Craig Trent.
- Annual Bids have been advertised for December 27, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.
- Karen Lee representing the 4-H Horse and Pony Club sent a request to use the assembly room for their monthly meeting on a Sunday from 2:30-4:30. Bruce Levi stated that the room could be used during regular business hours and he would contact Ms. Lee.
- The County has been billed \$1,064 for Bovine Tuberculosis testing thus far. Auditor Beard stated that this item was not budgeted but funds will be transferred in the Commissioner's budget to cover the cost.
- Beard noted that the elimination of snow removal in the janitorial contract has not been resolved. Commissioner Levi will see what can be worked out with Gilliam Janitorial.
- Rush Memorial Hospital submitted their monthly EMS report.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Jim Cowan reported 49 inmates are currently housed in the Rush County jail. The Sheriff is working on an electronic report that will be sent to the Commissioners and Auditor. Dispatch has received 355 calls this week. There have been 3 car/deer accidents. Two burglaries and one fatality are still under investigation. A traffic meeting regarding the

intersection of 244 and State Road 3 was held in Milroy with 38 attending. The Sheriff has requested traffic counters and there has been a meeting scheduled for January 10, 2017 at 9:30 in the Greenfield State Highway Office.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Jerry Sitton submitted the highway report for October. The LOHUT distributions must be tracked separately. Sitton is working with the Treasurer to invest part of the Highway and Cum Bridge funds with Hoosier Start, an investment program sponsored by the State Treasurer's Office.

Sitton submitted a contract to extend the 2016 liquid asphalt contract through 2017 with Asphalt Materials, Inc. Mark Bacon moved to roll the liquid asphalt contract with Asphalt Materials as recommended by the highway superintendent. Sitton reported that Asphalt Materials has worked better than Ashland's liquid asphalt for chip & seal projects.

INTERNAL CONTROLS

Auditor Beard reported that mandatory training for Internal Controls must be completed by the end of the year. Beard scheduled the date of December 7, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for the presentation. IT director Randy Herbert can discuss cyber security and the annual nepotism forms will be signed at that time.

FIBER HUT

Attorney Leigh Morning presented a contract with ESI for project management to relocate the Fiber Hut for the jail construction project. The contract is not to exceed \$60,000. Paul Wilkinson moved to sign the contract and Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried. Craig Custer asked if this contract depends on construction starting at this site or will it be done anyway. Ms. Morning replied that it will take place anyway.

CLAIMS

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

Paul Wilkinson questioned the Sheriff if the claim for Sheriff's Retirement is an annual expense. The Sheriff explained that it can be broken down but currently it is billed annually. Commissioner Wilkinson then moved to approve claims. Commissioner Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Auditor Beard announced that the Plainfield Rotary Club selected the top 10 courthouses in Indiana as a Bicentennial project and Rush County was chosen. A presentation ceremony will take place in Plainfield on November 30, 2016.

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