

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECEMBER 12, 2016

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 12, 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 28th were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

JAIL BUILDING CORPORATION

The Rush County Jail Building Corporation meeting was called to order. The members of the corporation are Larry Mull, Bill Herdrick, Jeff Innis, Nancy Rice and Bruce Talbot. Mr. Talbot had to resign so John Byrne was appointed as his replacement on a motion by Paul Wilkinson. Mark Bacon seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Rick Hall of Barnes and Thornburg will serve as bond council. Mr. Hall explained that utilizing the building corporation is a form of a lease or finance mechanism. The Corporation will own the jail funded by the sale the bonds and lease it to the county until the debt is retired.

Jason Semler of H.J. Umbaugh presented an illustrative report detailing the total cost of the project to be estimated at \$24,845,000. The bonds will be funded by a special income tax allowed by the general assembly with a property tax backup.

Auditor Mary Ann Beard presented the Auditor's Certificate of verified signatures to enter into negotiations with the Rush County Jail Building Corporation. Beard reported four counterparts were submitted with a total of 81 signatures; 71 were verified as owners of real estate.

The Commissioners then passed the foregoing resolution on a motion by Mark Bacon. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The resolutions of the initial meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jail Building Corporation was presented by Mr. Rick Hall. The following officers were elected to office: Jeff Innis, President; John Byrne, Vice President; William Herdrich Secretary/Treasurer. Bill Herdrich moved to approve the lease and other items. Jeff Innis seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rick Hall will advertise for a public hearing on the lease for the next meeting.

John Byrne moved to adjourn the meeting of the Jail Building Corporation. Bill Herdrich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

Carole Yeend director announced that there will be a temporary closure of the recycling bins during the jail construction. A new location is being sought. Project Manager Jack Krouse was asked for a time line for demolition.

VACATED ALLEY

Commissioner Levi called the public hearing to session at 9:30a.m. Representatives from Arlington Christian Church were present to request that two alleys surrounding the church be vacated. Having completed the required paper work, Mark Bacon moved to approve the request and close the public hearing. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

Interim director, Marvin Rees presented two zoning ordinance amendments proposed by the Area Plan Commission. Paul Wilkinson moved to approve the petition amending gas wells. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mark Bacon moved to approve the amendment changing the Sub-division Control Ordinance regarding agricultural land. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Rees informed the board that applications are being accepted for a new Area Plan Director and that he will no longer serve as director after January 1, 2017.

POSTAGE MACHINE

Treasurer Cindy Humphrey requested the purchase of a new courthouse postage machine a cost of \$4,249.76 with an annual maintenance of \$446. Mark Bacon moved to allow the purchase from the Commissioners budget. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMA

Chuck Kemker, EMA director presented the nine annex documents required for the Comprehensive Emergency Plan. Paul Wilkinson moved to sign as presented with Mark Bacon seconding the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Auditor Beard submitted the bi-weekly claims. Mark Bacon moved to approve as presented. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the payroll with Mark Bacon seconding the motion. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Jerry Sitton submitted the monthly report for November. Sitton stated that he is investing highway, cum bridge, and LOHUT fund in the State's Trust Indiana Fund.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Cowan reported 55 inmates occupying the jail. Sixteen are pre-trial detainees. Training was received for Taser operation and medication handling. Cowan shared that 1,022 transport miles were compiled last week.

EMS

Emergency medical run reports were filed by Carthage, Raleigh, Anderson, and Rush Memorial Hospital.

COMMISSIONERS

Mark Bacon stated that he will contact the State Forrester regarding the harvesting of lumber on the county farm.

Bruce Levi shared that the Anderson Township Water & Sewer district determined that the property owner is responsible for the lines from the meter to the house. Levi was following up on a complaint from James Darling of Milroy.

JAIL

Attorney Leigh Morning presented a proposal and an agreement with Cellsite for the purchase of a used fiber hut to be used for 911 at a cost of \$23,205. Mark Bacon moved to accept the proposal and agreement. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ron Jarman submitted an evergreen clause from Duke Energy. The agreement states that if the county ever needs to move electric lines at the jail, it would be the responsibility of the county. The Commissioners invited a representative from Duke to attend that next meeting to explain the clause.

The contract for demolition of the buildings for jail construction with Razmus Demolition Services, LLC in the amount of \$68,327 was signed on a motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Mark Bacon. Motion carried.

APC JOINT AGREEMENT

The Commissioners were given a copy of the agreement to suspend the inter-local agreement with the City of Rushville to provide joint services for the Area Plan Commission. The County Council and the Commissioners would need to approve this document.

JAIL OPERATIONS

Craig Custer asked if operating expenses for the jail are calculated in the cost of a new jail. Jason Semler explained that 1.9 million dollars is being collected in income taxes. With the anticipated cost of the bonds at 1.55 million, the remaining balance is ear-marked for operating expenses.

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