

**REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APRIL 17, 2017**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 17, 2017 with Commissioners Paul Wilkinson, Mark Bacon, Bruce Levi, Jodi Harr, Auditor and Leigh Morning County Attorney, in attendance.

Chairman Paul Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge to the flag.

Minutes of the regular meeting on April 3, 2017 were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS**

Auditor, Jodi Harr, presented the biweekly claims docket for April 17, 2017 in the amount of \$179,670.81. Bruce Levi moved to approve the claims with the exception of Area Plan Commission claims to Mark Bacon, Marvin Rees and Janet Kile. Those services need to be submitted and paid through payroll. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Payroll ending April 21, 2017 in the amount of \$175,467.33 was approved on a motion by Bruce Levi and seconded by Mark Bacon. Motion carried.

**TREASURER**

Rush County Treasurer Cindra Humphrey presented the March 2017 monthly financial report.

**AREA PLAN COMMISSION**

Gregg Duke presented the commissioners with two rezone request. Both received favorable recommendations from the Area Plan Commission.

- Johathan Craney requested 70-02-19-130-001.000-009 and 70-02-19-176-001.000-009 located in Carthage be rezoned from residential to commercial. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the rezone as requested. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.
- David Hall requested 70-14-12-466-012.000-001 and 70-14-12-466-013.000-001 both located in the town of Milroy be rezoned from residential to commercial. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the rezone as requested. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

**CITY OF RUSHVILLE**

Brian Sheehan was present to update the commissioners on the Stellar projects and other projects happening within the City of Rushville. He noted there is a great deal happening behind the scenes; however, physical changes may not be visible until 2018 or 2019.

## **HEALTH INSURANCE**

Rush Memorial Hospital requested the commissioners sign a Health Fair Testing Agreement. The county would agree to pay \$25.00 per person who participated in the health fair. Bruce Levi made the motion to sign the agreement. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the 2017 Capital Improvement Plan for Rush County to be approved by the commissioners. It outlines the expenditures budgeted and approved for 2017 in the Economic Development fund. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the plan. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

## **EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION QUOTES**

Quotes were received from three businesses to provide emergency communication services for Rush County.

- ERS/OCI Wireless – Total price \$111,376.65
- J & K Communications – Total Price \$402,924.56
- ECS/Kenwood - \$106,978.00

Attorney Leigh Morning advised the commissioners to take the quotes under advisement. Bruce Levi made the motion to take the quotes under advisement to be reviewed by the departments who will need these services. Mark Bacon seconded. Ron Jarman will coordinate the meeting. Bids will be available for review in the Auditor's office.

## **EMS RUN REPORTS**

EMS run reports for March 2017 were received from Carthage Volunteer Fire Department, Anderson Twp. Volunteer Fire Department and Raleigh Volunteer Fire Department.

## **EXTENSION OFFICE**

Gracie Marlatt notified the commissioners of the pending retirement of Diana Wright as of July 31, 2017. She will have approximately seven weeks of vacation and comp time due her. The extension office will be looking to replace her in late September or October.

## **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Jim Cowan went over his department reports and updates. There are currently 42 inmates held at the jail. AED's have been placed in each of the deputy's vehicles. Stat Flight is in the process of preparing trauma kits to be placed in each vehicle.

## **TAX LIENS**

Rushville City Council requested the commissioner sign an Agreement on Taxes and Liens. The agreement enforces an agreement used in the past between the city and the county

to release all taxes, weed liens, and demolition liens on properties assigned at tax sale when the City of Rushville takes a Tax Deed. Mark Bacon made the motion to accept and sign the agreement. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE**

Verlin Custer spoke regarding the county emergency services communication system. He requests the commissioners turn on the current system and test its capabilities on digital mode. He believes what we already have in place will work in all areas of the county. Part of the current system is currently in use; however, the fire communications have never been turned on.

Nick White believes the current system requires everything be switched at one time meaning you either use all analog or all digital. This would create a financial hardship on the volunteer units to fund new radios all at one time. Custer agrees this is a valid point; however, the next narrow banding requirement from the state will not be until 2020 at the earliest.

Matt Alexander from ERS does not believe it is a problem to test the current system. He would welcome the opportunity to do that.

Commissioner Paul Wilkinson offered his appreciation for the information and noted it will take some time for this properly be reviewed.

The next Commissioner’s meeting will be held on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 9:00a.m.

Mark Bacon moved to adjourn. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/Paul Wilkinson  
Paul Wilkinson Chairman

/s/Mark Bacon  
Mark Bacon

/s/Bruce Levi  
Bruce Levi

ATTEST:

/s/Jodi Harr  
Jodi Harr, Auditor