

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS November 27, 2017

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 27, 2017 with Commissioners Paul Wilkinson, Mark Bacon, Bruce Levi, Jodi Harr, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney, in attendance.

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

Minutes of the November 13, 2017 regular meeting were approved with a motion from Mark Bacon and seconded by Bruce Levi. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on November 20, 2017 were approved on a motion by Bruce Levi and seconded by Mark Bacon. Motion carried

CLAIMS

Auditor, Jodi Harr, presented the biweekly claims docket for November 20, 2017 in the amount of \$349,353.63. A mileage claim to Kara Kerker was questioned. The claim was for mileage from her home to a training session in Muncie. The county travel policy states mileage must be paid from the courthouse to the destination. Bruce Levi would like to see the travel policy changed in the future to read to cover the lessor mileage. Mark Bacon made the motion to adjust Kerker's mileage claim from \$73.63 to \$46.00 to stay in line with the current county travel policy. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried. Bruce Levi moved to approve all other claims as presented. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Payroll ending December 1, 2017 in the amount of \$177,489.53 was presented. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER

Treasurer Cindra Humphrey presented the October monthly Treasurer's report. She reported fall property tax collections went well. We did not have to request an advance draw for county general. Interest rates have finally increased. Humphrey would like to see the commissioners authorize SRI to conduct a local commissioner sale of properties not sold at tax sale in October. She suggests that we do an on-site sale rather than an on line sale. This would allow us to contact surrounding property owners to see if they are interested. The commissioners would set a price per parcel and SRI would receive a percentage of the proceeds from the sale. The county would need to make sure the sewer districts will cooperate and remove any liens they may have on the properties. Paul Wilkinson would like also see this done. Humphrey will check with SRI to see the time frame that this needs to be done in.

HEALTH INSURANCE

The Organ Transplant Policy endorsement as part of the employee health insurance policy with American Fidelity was presented to the commissioners for their approval. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

NEW JAIL

Change Order 1300-002 from CCI for Custer Electric was presented for approval. The change order is an additional \$1,128.90 due to increased amount of footing concrete for communications tower. Mark Bacon made the motion to sign and approve the change order. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Leigh Morning presented a lease between Jal-M LLC and the commissioners to house the construction trailer. It is a twenty two month lease for \$200 per month. This amount is already included in the current new jail budget. Bruce Levi made the motion to sign. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wilkinson also noted the county is on the Rushville City Board of Works agenda to discuss the road closures during the construction phase of the jail.

County Attorney Leigh Morning asked the commissioners if they were interested in doing a ground breaking ceremony for the new jail. It was determined that they would like to do one when excavation for the project begins. Morning will contact CCI to see make arrangements and to develop an invitation list.

EMS REPORTS

October EMS reports were received from Raleigh and Rush Memorial Hospital.

RESTITUTION CLAIM

The Prosecutor's office sent a notice to the commissioners to see if they wanted to file a restitution claim in the State VS Stephen P. Anderson case. Other than a couple of flower pots, no other damage was reported at the courthouse. The commissioners do not wish to file anything at this time.

EXTENSION OFFICE

Gracie Marlatt informed the commissioners that their part time position has finally been filled. Ashley Sterwerf will start on Monday, December 4. She also reminded the commissioners that Purdue employees have a different holiday schedule then county employees. Between Christmas and New Year's Purdue staff will not be in the courthouse. The office will be open and staffed by county employees.

EMA

Chuck Kemker stated they are looking at the building owned by the Solid Waste District to store the EMA equipment. The building will require some renovations. They are also meeting with the new owners of the current building regarding a short term lease.

DUKE ENERGY

Chad Singer from Duke Energy has contacted Commissioner Wilkinson regarding a review of our lighting system to see if there are any money saving options available through Duke.

COUNTY FARM

Commissioner Wilkinson updated the others on the research he has done on solar panels at the county farm. They would require a special permit for a non-conforming use. It could take a couple of years for the solar company to do. With that being said, he feels like the commissioners go ahead with another lease on the county farm. Mark Bacon made the motion to accept bids on January 22, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Letters of interest have been received on several of the 2018 appointments. The appointments will be made a December commissioner meeting.

SHERIFF

Chief Deputy Dave Sliger presented the department statistics and reported fifty one inmates currently housed at the jail.

2018 CONTRACTS

County Attorney Leigh Morning discussed the commissioner’s desire for contracted services in 2018. She will work on the contracts and provided them at the next meeting.

EMS SERVICES

Commissioner Bacon has found two men from outside of Rush County who are willing to look at our current EMS services and current run volumes.

The next regular Commissioner’s meeting will be held on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 9:00a.m.

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

/Paul Wilkinson/
Paul Wilkinson Chairman

/Mark Bacon/
Mark Bacon

/Bruce Levi/
Bruce Levi

ATTEST:

/Jodi Harr/
Jodi Harr, Auditor

