

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FEBRUARY 5, 2018

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 5, 2018 with Commissioners Paul Wilkinson, Mark Bacon, and 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 January 22, 2018 regular meeting were reviewed. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the minutes. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Auditor, Jodi Harr, presented the biweekly claims docket for February 5, 2018 in the amount of \$560,190.39. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Payroll ending February 9, 2018 in the amount of \$184,188.52 was presented. The small increase was due to Highway and Sheriff Department overtime because of recent snow and ice events. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve payroll as presented. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

AREA PLAN

APC Director Gregg Duke notified the commissioners that there would not be an APC board meeting in February due to the lack of business to be handled. The regular BZA meeting will be held.

EXTENSION OFFICE

Gracie Marlatt stated the 2017 Annual Report for the State Purdue Extension Services has been issued. Rush County is highlighted on page ten of the report. She also invited the commissioners to the Rush County Annual Extension meeting which will be held on February 22, 2018. Their invitations have been mailed.

HIGHWAY

Jerry Sitton presented the January monthly highway report. He also presented the 2017 Annual Highway Department Report which has to be submitted to the State. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve and sign the report. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bacon noted that he had received a complaint on the county roads not having salt on them during recent snow and ice storms. He personally thinks the highway department did a great job of clearing the roads. Sitton commented that county roads will deteriorate quickly if salt is used on them. State highways use different material in constructing their roads then the county does so the salt is not as harmful to state roads.

Sitton presented an Agreement of Professional Services between the Commissioners and USI Consultants, Inc. This agreement is for minor engineering needs that may need to be done beyond bridge inspections. The work would be done at an hourly rate. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the agreement. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Regarding the Carthage Pike slope failure, Sitton reported the federal government has agreed to pay for eighty percent of the repairs. There will be no charge for the redesign; however, the remaining twenty percent for repairs will need to be paid by the county.

SHERIFF

Chief Deputy David Sliger presented the current department statistics. He also reported they are expecting the delivery of the two new vehicles purchased for deputies. They are trading in the 2005 Ford Explorer and a 2014 Dodge Charger. Mark Bacon made the motion to sign the titles for these two vehicles in order to trade them. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

GIS DATA REQUEST

Dan Jenkins with Great Midwestern Publishing Company requested permission to access data from our GIS system. They are preparing to publish an updated Rush County Platbook. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the request. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

COUNTY FARM CONTRACT

Leigh Morning presented the County Farm Contract for February 2018 through January 31, 2020 in the amount of \$50,150.00 per year which is \$295.00 per acre for 170 acres. Payments will be due bi-annual with the first payment due February 20, 2018. Brad Gwinnup is being awarded the contract. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the contract with Gwinnup. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

EMS REPORTS

EMS run reports for January 2018 were received by Carthage EMS and Raleigh Fire Department.

BMO HARRIS

BMO Harris requested permission for the commissioners to allow them to offer direct deposit bank services to county employees. Direct Deposit is offered to all banks for county employees. This is being referred to the insurance committee to perhaps invite all local banks to set up tables at the employee health/benefit fair.

ASSURED PARTNERS

Commissioner Wilkinson received a request from Assured Partners to present their Wellness Program for County Employees. It was determined that this request be forwarded to the insurance committee for their review.

WALMART CLOSING

Commissioner Wilkinson commented that the commissioners are saddened by the closing of WalMart. They received notice of the closing on Thursday, February 1, 2018. The City of Rushville and the Rush County ECDC acted immediately to set up a Rapid Response Plan to assist the ninety five employees that are affected by the closing. Commissioner Levi reiterated his thanks to John McCane and the ECDC for their efforts in this situation.

The next regular Commissioner's meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

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

/Paul Wilkinson/
Paul Wilkinson Chairman

/Mark Bacon/
Mark Bacon

/Bruce Levi/
Bruce Levi

ATTEST:

/Jodi Harr/
Jodi Harr, Auditor