

**REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FEBRUARY 20, 2018**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, February 20, 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 February 5, 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 20, 2018 in the amount of \$192,492.86. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Payroll ending February 23, 2018 in the amount of \$193,155.10 was presented. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve payroll. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Jail Construction claims to be paid from the jail bond proceeds in the amount of \$447,683.35 was presented for approval. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

**TREASURER**

Treasurer, Cindra Humphrey, presented the January monthly county financial report. She explained the monthly LIT received for public safety will be invested while the county expends the jail bond proceeds. County Attorney Leigh Morning advised the commissioners will need to appoint someone to approve the investment of the bond dollars. The Rush County Jail Building Corp will need to meet first to make their recommendation. Umbaugh will put the available funds out for bid and then make their recommendation to whomever is appointed to make the final decision. Commissioners agree and asked Morning to set up the meeting with the jail corporation.

Humphrey also advised the commissioners that the auditor and treasurer office are working to get on time property tax bills sent.

**ELECTION**

Rush County Clerk, Angie Buckley, was present to ask for approval of a contract with MicroVote. The contract is for sixty new updated voting machines at a price of \$89,481. The equipment will be compliant with new election laws and security. The contract is payable over three years and has been approved in the budget by the county council. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the contract. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

9:15 a.m. Chairman Wilkinson recessed the regular commissioner meeting to conduct a Public hearing to vacate an alley.

### **VACATE ALLEY**

A Public Hearing was opened to consider a petition filed by Attorney Grant Reeves on behalf of David and Wanda Perkins. The petition requests the closing of an alleyway located in the town of Milroy as follows:

A part of the Ryse and Atchinsons Addition to the Town of Milroy, as recorded in the Office of the Recorder for Rush County, Indiana, being described as follows: The 12 foot wide alley lying adjacent to Lots 21 and 22 in said Ryse and Atchinsons Addition to the Town of Milroy, being bounded on the North and South sides by 12 foot wide alleys per said plat.

The petitioners were granted ownership of the land which adjoins the alley on the east side by Quiet Title on November 27, 2017. Chairman Wilkinson asked for any public comment. The sewer district did contact them regarding the sewer lines in the right of way. This will not affect the right of way so there is no issue with the sewer district. Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton does not see any problem with granting the request. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve Ordinance 2018-2 vacating the alley as described above. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Mark Bacon made the motion to close the public hearing. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

9:18 a.m. Chairman Wilkinson reconvened the regular commissioner meeting.

### **SENIOR CENTER/RIDE RUSH**

Tina Logan introduced herself as the new Senior Center and Ride Rush Director. Wanda Henderson retired. Commissioner Wilkinson asked that she report to the commissioners once a month on the Ride Rush program and that all INDOT reports be approved by the commissioners prior to being submitted. She presented the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Section 5311 Claims for the commissioner's approval. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve and sign the claim submission. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

### **WILLKIE DAYS COVERED BRIDGE RIDE**

David Willke was present to ask for support of a charitable bike ride to coincide with Willkie Days on Saturday, September 15, 2018. The ride would cover Rush County and pass through covered bridges, Arlington, Homer, Gowdy, Moscow and Milroy. He believes this event will promote healthy lifestyles in Rush County and also promote Rush County as a tourist destination. There will be an entry fee to participate in the ride. The fees collected will be distributed to local charities. There will be three routes - a twelve mile, a twenty four mile and

a fifty mile. There are several local people and groups partnering with him to organize the ride. They include RMH Foundation, Chamber of Commerce, Rush County Heritage, Rushville Police Department, Rush County Community Foundation, EMA, ECDC, Arlington General Store, The Sampler, Harcourt Outlines and Jackman Animal Clinic. Some of the needs for this ride are smooth road surfaces at the state level, county support, riders, sponsors/partners, volunteers, promotion and website development. Commissioner Levi asked if he had spoken with Jerry Sitton regarding the bridges. EMA Director has spoken to Sitton. Participants will sign a waiver relieving the county of any liability during the ride. Willkie would like to see this become an annual event. The commissioners each gave their support of the event.

### **CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS**

Beth Moore with the Children's Bureau in Connersville, Indiana requested permission to place pinwheels on the courthouse lawn during the month of April. April is Child Abuse Awareness month. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the request. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

### **PHONE SYSTEM**

IT Director, Randy Herbert, presented a proposal to replace the county telephone system. The current system is approximately twenty years old. He would like to update it with a fiber system which will allow for transferring calls between agencies, recording of 911 calls and recording of radio traffic. The cost of the proposed system from Frontier is \$57,929.48 with a five year warranty. This would replace phones at the sheriff department, courthouse and highway department. He is also getting a quote from Ninestar. Commissioner Wilkinson asked that proposed contracts from Frontier and Ninestar be sent to County Attorney Leigh Morning for her review prior to being presented to the commissioners.

### **HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton informed the commissioners that the bridge on 715 W North of Homer will be closed approximately March 5. It will be closed for approximately ninety to one hundred twenty days. There is no official detour established.

Sitton has also been notified of federal award amounts for Bridge #63 over Shawnee Creek on 800 East and for the covered bridge on 150 N over the Flatrock River.

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Jim Cowan presented the sheriff and jail department statistics. There are currently sixty three inmates housed at the jail. The confection oven at the jail is being replaced with a used oven found in Henry County. Hopefully this will get them through until the new jail is completed. QPH has also got the restrooms back in working condition.

### **EMS REPORTS**

The EMS report for Rush Memorial Hospital for January 2018 was received and reviewed.

## **NEW JAIL PROJECT**

Attorney Leigh Morning presented a contract with Umbaugh for them to file bond reports as necessary. Mark Bacon made the motion to sign. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

John Painter presented a construction update. Construction started ten days ago. There was a second slab found on the South Main Street property. It was contaminated and had to be hauled away to CGS. Water and sewer lines are being installed on Water Street. The communication tower is complete. The following construction contracts were approved and signed:

- Stanley Security Systems \$506,750
- Circle B Construction \$776,000
- Grunau \$208,900
- Blakely Corporation \$77,860
- Greiner Brothers \$2,504,000
- Delaware Glass & Mirror \$174,800
- Pauly Jail \$3,559,400
- Robert Haines Company \$316,000
- Horning Roofing \$683,370
- Central Restaurant Products \$228,062
- Bill Lawrence Contract \$128,300
- Geiger & Peters \$595,000
- Hagerman Construction \$1,355,000
- Blakely Corp \$7,980
- J C Ripberger \$936,000
- Banta Electrical \$1,935,000

All contracts have been reviewed by CCI and county attorney. These bids were awarded at an earlier commissioner meeting. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve all sixteen contracts. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

## **E911 BOARD**

Commissioner Wilkinson asked for thoughts on re-aligning the E911 board considering pending legislation at the state level. He suggested including Rushville City Mayor and Rushville City Police Chief. The board would also include a commissioner, city council, county council, and the sheriff. Commissioner Levi would like include the EMA Director. Sheriff Cowan recommends including the Rushville City Fire Chief and a member of the County Fire Chiefs Association. Wilkinson and Levi would recommend the last two be advisory board members. Sheriff Cowan will talk to those involved and report back to the commissioners at their next meeting.

The next regular Commissioner's meeting will be held on Monday, March 5, 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