

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APRIL 16, 2018

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 16, 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 April 2, 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 April 16, 2018 in the amount of \$119,432.32. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Payroll ending April 20, 2018 in the amount of \$184,412.51 was presented. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve payroll. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Requisition #5 for Jail Construction claims to be paid from the jail bond proceeds in the amount of \$196,700.52 were presented for approval. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

AREA PLAN

Area Plan Director Gregg Duke reported that the Area Plan Commission has started the review of the Rush County Zoning Ordinance. The current ordinance was adopted March 1, 2009. This will take several months to complete. For those that are following the NextEra hearings, they have been delayed until later in 2018.

EMS – POSEY TOWNSHIP

Discussion was held at the last County Fire Chief's meeting regarding moving the EMS coverage boundaries in Posey Township to match their fire coverage boundaries. The request is to move the northern line from 400 North to 600 North. This would result in Rush Memorial Hospital covering Posey Township instead of Carthage EMS. It was noted that if Raleigh Fire Department is covering for Carthage EMS, it would take them twenty minutes to get to Posey Township compared to Rush Memorial being there in ten minutes. The Fire Chief's Association is in favor of this change. EMA Director Chuck Kemker presented an updated EMS coverage map for the commissioner's consideration. Mark Bacon made the motion to move the EMS coverage line in Posey Township from 400 North to 600 North to match the fire district coverage. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried. The Sheriff Department is making the changes to their dispatch system.

EMA

EMA Director Chuck Kemker reported he is receiving calls regarding the flooding situation. He is addressing the Rushville City Council regarding the flooding on Arthur and Sexton Streets within the City of Rushville. FEMA is not going to declare Rush County a disaster area from the recent flooding events. Due to recent funding changes implemented by FEMA, he recommends the county commissioners and county council create a disaster relief fund and to start putting money into the fund.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Sandy Fussner updated the commissioners on upcoming events within the community.

NEW JAIL PROJECT

A Change Order was received from construction manager CCI. It is for Greiner Brothers to change the location of some of the sewer lines. The change does not result in a financial change. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the change order. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

At the April 2, 2018 commissioner meeting, the commissioners agreed to a two year performance bond on the roof after substantial completion of the jail building. The thirty year warranty would still be on the roofing materials. County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Limited Maintenance Provision Ride for signature of Commissioner Chairman Paul Wilkinson.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested permission for County Attorney Leigh Morning to create an Ordinance limiting the speed limit to thirty miles per hour on the roads used for the detour around the bridge closures on state road 44 west and county road 715 west. It will need to be for 180 days. Morning will prepare it for the next commissioner meeting.

SHERIFF

Chief Deputy David Sliger was present to report for the sheriff. Three arrest have been made in the Arlington Grocery Store robbery. The sheriff department is working with the Drug Take Back Program to be held on April 28. Any unwanted drugs may be disposed of during this event.

EMS REPORTS

March EMS reports were received and reviewed from Raleigh and Anderson Twp.

COURTHOUSE STUDY

At the March 29, 2018 Commissioner meeting, County Attorney Leigh Morning presented a proposal from Beth Henkel of the Preservation Collaborative Group regarding financing for the courthouse renovation. The request was for Umbaugh to do a financial feasibility study at a cost of \$5,000 to \$7,000. The commissioners tabled the request in order for the county council to give their opinion. At the April 11, 2018 county council meeting, the

council gave an unfavorable recommendation to finance the study done by Umbaugh. The consensus of the commissioners is that they are not in favor of the study by Umbaugh nor are they in favor of increasing income taxes.

WILLKIE DAY BICYCLE RIDE

Commissioner Paul Wilkinson reported he is working with the county’s insurance carrier on the possibility of a one day insurance rider for the Willkie Day Bicycle Ride. He noted there is no guarantee that the county will provide the coverage. He is gathering information on the cost.

PERSONNEL POLICY HANDBOOK

Commissioner Wilkinson reminded the commissioners to please be reviewing the current personnel policy as it needs to be reviewed and revised.

Commissioner Bruce Levi would like to know the current county liability for each employee’s vacation, sick, personal and comp time. Levi made the motion for each county department head to give a list of their employee’s accumulated time off as of April 1, 2018 to the county auditor by May 1, 2018. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ROAD SIGNS ARLINGTON

Larry Mull asked for guidance from the commissioners regarding placing commemorative signage added to the signs on 700 W going into Arlington recognizing Larry Parks. Parks was a 2018 inductee to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. The commissioners requested he work with the County Highway Department and the Area Plan Commission to get this done. Jerry Sitton recommends also putting them on signage located on US Highway 52 going into Arlington.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, April 30, 2018.

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

/Paul Wilkinson/
Paul Wilkinson Chairman

/Mark Bacon/
Mark Bacon

/Bruce Levi/
Bruce Levi

ATTEST:

/Jodi Harr/
Jodi Harr, Auditor