

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APRIL 2, 2018

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 2, 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 March 19, 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 2, 2018 in the amount of \$117,022.09. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Payroll ending April 6, 2018 in the amount of \$181,827.27 was presented. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve payroll. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Requisition #4 for Jail Construction claims to be paid from the jail bond proceeds in the amount of \$22,465.91 were presented for approval. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

Commissioner Levi asked APC Director Gregg Duke if his office has reviewed the 2008 Comprehensive Plan. Duke replied that his office has reviewed and is operating by the 2008 Comprehensive Plan. County Attorney Leigh Morning and APC Attorney Geoff Wesling agree that the Rush County Commissioners, Carthage Town Board and Glenwood Town Board should all make motions and document in current meeting minutes whether they are operating under the 2008 Comprehensive Plan. Wesling will contact Carthage and Glenwood. Mark Bacon made the motion that the Rush County Commissioners agree that the county is operating under the 2008 Comprehensive Plan. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Craig Custer asked for clarification on who makes the appointments to the BZA and APC Boards. He questioned if Carthage and Glenwood should each have appointments. Morning noted the number and manner of appointments are set by Indiana State Code.

WILLKIE DAYS BIKE RIDE

David Willkie was present to give an update on the Willkie Days Covered Bridge Ride (5 in 50). He had four requests:

- He asked that Rush County be a “ride partner” and make this an official county event. This would not result in any cost to the county. Mark Bacon made the motion to join the event as a partner. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

- Paint the entrances of all bridges including scroll work. Jerry Sitton noted that his department can paint the white part of the faces of the covered bridges; however, they cannot do the scroll work. Willkie will work with him to find someone to do the scroll work.
- Rush County provides one day event insurance rider. Bacon asked what the cost of the insurance would be. Commissioner Wilkinson will talk to the county's insurance agent regarding the costs. After the cost is determined, the commissioners will decide if they will provide coverage.
- Rush County allow for the use of the Offutts Ford Bridge for the Friday, September 14 Rush County Youth Foundation Dinner. Planned multiple seating's at 5:30 pm, 7:00 pm, and 8:30 pm. The commissioners do not have a problem but did request that Willkie contact the neighbors around the bridge before they make a final decision.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

Rush County Veterans Affairs Officer Don Rolfe was present to update the commissioners on the Veteran services. He started by thanking Rush County for the support of our Veterans. He noted that in addition to his responsibilities as Veterans Service Officer, he is also the transportation coordinator for getting Veterans transported to doctor appointments. Due to lack of volunteer drivers in Decatur and Shelby Counties, Rush County volunteers are transporting some of their Veterans as the Rush County schedule allows. DAV is asking Rolfe to raise dollars to replace our current vehicles which have high mileage on them. He has talked to the Veteran Administration in Indianapolis regarding possible solutions. Commissioner Wilkinson asked if it would be reasonable to ask Decatur and Shelby Counties to help with the cost. He asked Rolfe to check with DAV regarding setting up a donation account for vehicle replacement. Wilkinson will make some contacts at the state level. Rolfe noted that Veterans Administration is opening up a clinic in Shelbyville. This will reduce some of the mileage.

Rolfe commented it would be nice if he had an office space and an interview room. It would need to be private and be able to be locked.

Rolfe noted that his current contract with the county ends at the end of this year. He does plan on leaving his current post so a replacement will need to be found. He commented his decision is not because of lack of county support. He truly appreciates the counties support of the Veterans of Rush County.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the March monthly report. Both of the Homer bridge replacements must be completed by the middle of August so they should not interfere with the Willkie Days Covered Bridge Ride. He also updated them on the county highway vehicle issues during the last snow/ice storm.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Cowan gave a statistical update for the sheriff and jail departments. There are currently fifty two inmates housed at the jail. Craig Custer asked if Cowan had a chance to

contact Perry County Sheriff to see what their utility expenses are. Cowan noted that Perry County is getting the information ready for him and he hopes to get down there this week. This information will help with the 2019 budget projections.

NEW JAIL PROJECT

Change Order 1600-001 for DLZ to change the fire alarm wiring from type A to type B was presented. This resulted in a financial change of (4,315.00). Mark Bacon made the motion to approve Change Order 1600-001. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Jon Painter with CCI noted they did not get enough color schemes for the roof. They will meet once they have enough to make a selection. He also reported work continues on the storm drain and sewage system.

Leigh Morning presented a requested modification to the bond/warranty for the roof on the jail. The bonding company is requesting the roofing company guarantee that the work be free from defective workmanship and materials for a period of two years from substantial completion date of the jail. There will still be a manufacturer's warranty of the thirty years for the material. She feels like this is a normal request. CCI believes the request is acceptable. After discussion, Mark Bacon made the motion to agree to the two year performance bond after substantial completion of the jail building. Paul Wilkinson asked if this was not originally clarified or was it done in error. Morning believes the bonding company and CCI are just asking for clarification. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMS REPORT

The March 2018 EMS report was received from Carthage Volunteer Fire Department.

ECS RADIO

Commissioner Wilkinson noted receipt of a certified letter received from Verlin Custer regarding the Kenwood Radio System for fire service.

COUTHOUSE CANNON

The commissioners gave thanks to the local ELKS. They paid for the wheels on the cannon to be replaced. The cost came from their Veterans Fund. The Commissioners are working with John Todd to get the wheels painted.

PERSONNEL POLICY

Commissioner Wilkinson asked the commissioners to start looking over the Personnel Handbook. He believes it is need of updating.

COUTHOUSE SECURITY

The Courthouse Security meeting which was scheduled for March 21 was cancelled due to the closing of the courthouse due to inclement weather. It will be rescheduled.

The next scheduled commissioner meeting will be a joint meeting with the county council on Wednesday, April 11, 2018. The next regular meeting will be Monday, April 16, 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