

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APRIL 30, 2018

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 30, 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 11, 2018 joint meeting with the Rush County Council were reviewed. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the minutes. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of the April 16, 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 30, 2018 in the amount of \$143,925.42. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Payroll ending May 4, 2018 in the amount of \$179,439.55 was presented. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve payroll. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Requisition #6 for Jail Construction claims to be paid from the jail bond proceeds in the amount of \$28,770.65 were presented for approval. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE

Carole Yeend reported that 96 pounds of drugs were turned in on Saturday as part of the Drug Return program offered at Rush Memorial Hospital.

COURTHOUSE

Mary Frances Friedl inquired as to the amount available for her to spend on the upkeep of the flower gardens around the courthouse. She along with the Master Gardener program, Carole Yeend, EMA and trustees at the Rush County Jail take care of the flower gardens during the summer months. Mark Bacon made the motion to allow the requested \$250 which is already in the courthouse budget. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Chuck Kemker set up with the Indianapolis television stations the capabilities to report to the media when the courthouse is going to be closed. It can be done online for all four stations. The commissioners noted that the EMA Director will be the one reporting the closings as part of his responsibilities.

TEMPORARY SPEED LIMIT

Upon the request of County Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton and Rush County Sheriff Jim Cowan, County Attorney Leigh Morning presented Ordinance 2018-2a Establishing A Temporary Maximum Speed Limit in the Homer Area due to bridge repair and construction. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve Ordinance 2018-2a. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER

Rush County Treasurer Cindra Humphrey presented the March 2018 Treasurer Report. She reported property tax statements were mailed out on April 6 and that payments are due on Thursday, May 10. Collections are going well at this time. Trust Indiana interest on investments is at 1.7%.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton reported that Bridge 170 on 450 E is being closed and replaced. He has hired a new custodian. Also the State of Indiana approved funds to repair the Carthage Pike slope issue. They did not approve the engineering fees. He is waiting on the permits before starting the repairs.

NEW JAIL PROJECT

John Painter with CCI presented the State of Indiana Fire Suppression System Application - Partial for signature by the commissioners. Mark Bacon made the motion to sign the application. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Eric Ratts with DLZ presented color options for the exterior roof, doors/windows and facets. The main entrance will be done in limestone with the remaining exterior being done in brick to go along with the design of other area buildings. All color options are the same cost. After reviewing the color options, Bruce Levi made the motion to approve cierra tan as the roof color, medium bronze at the main entrance and medium bronze for the windows/doors. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Cowan gave a brief department update noting there are currently 82 inmates housed at the jail. The lock on main cell block area finally broke and had to be replaced. The cost is about \$1,300 but there was no choice in replacing it. Sheriff Cowan thanked the commissioners for passing the temporary maximum speed limit ordinance around Homer.

EMS STUDY

Commissioner Mark Bacon reported he has received the written report from Fitch and Associates regarding the EMS services in Rush County. He would like to set up a special meeting with the commissioners, EMS providers and Thomas Moore from Fitch and Associates to go over the results. The meeting is planned for Friday, May 4, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the Courthouse.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, May 14, 2018.

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

/Paul Wilkinson/
Paul Wilkinson Chairman

/Mark Bacon/
Mark Bacon

/Bruce Levi/
Bruce Levi

ATTEST:

/Jodi Harr/
Jodi Harr, Auditor