

**REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY 14, 2018**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, May 14, 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 30, 2018 regular meeting were reviewed. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the minutes. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of the May 4, 2018 special meeting were reviewed. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the minutes. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS**

Auditor, Jodi Harr, presented the biweekly claims docket for May 14, 2018 in the amount of \$91,045.08. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Payroll ending May 18, 2018 in the amount of \$181,437.93 was presented. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve payroll. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Requisition #7 for Jail Construction claims to be paid from the jail bond proceeds in the amount of \$432,093.05 were presented for approval. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

**TREASURER REPORT**

Treasurer Cindra Humphrey presented the April Monthly Treasurers Report. She stated that spring tax collections went well and her office will certify the collections to the auditor on June 1.

**CENTERSTONE MENTAL HEALTH**

Greg Marvel was present representing Centerstone Mental Health Services. He updated the commissioners on services that are being provided to Rush County residents. They are working with Rushville Elementary to provide services to students during school hours. They are also working with Rush Memorial Hospital to offer a wider range of services for multiple mental health illnesses. One of the programs being developed with RMH is a community awareness of suicide and developing support groups. This is a community initiative. There is a walk to benefit suicide awareness scheduled for September. All proceeds will remain in Rush County to help individuals who need financial assistance in order to get mental health services. He stated they do appreciate the financial support they receive from the commissioners.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Sandy Fussner reported the grand opening of two new businesses. Tri County Outdoor Power Equipment in Milroy and the Tractor Supply will be opening in June. She also noted that the covered bridge will only be needed for Friday, September 14 to host the Willkie Day Bike Ride dinner.

## **HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Highway April Financial Report. The state has conducted the county bridge inspection. Bridge 94 which is the First Covered Bridge has to be closed unless immediate repairs are done to the Arch Rings. His department has the supplies to fix it. They are trying to get rid of the ground squirrels living in the bridge and are causing the damage. Bridge 27 at 1100 N over Flatrock River is dropping down on the NW corner. It will need to be replaced within the next year or two. The bridge North of Homer is on schedule to be opened on June 11.

He received the IDEM annual inspection report for underground storage tanks. Effective October 1, 2018 he will have to start doing a daily inspection of the tanks. He believes the best bet will be to get rid of the underground tanks and start buying fuel on the open market as the sheriff department does. He will consider that when time to do the 2019 fuel bids.

## **COVERED BRIDGE CERTIFICATION**

Auditor Jodi Harr presented the Annual Covered Bridge Certification required by the Auditor of State office. Rush County currently has five covered bridges. Mark Bacon made the motion to sign the certification. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF CONGRESSIONAL SCHOOL INTEREST**

Auditor Jodi Harr presented the Annual Report of Congressional School Interest for approval of the commissioners. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve and sign. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

## **GIS INFORMATION REQUEST**

South Henry Regional Waste District requested permission to use the Rush County GIS Beacon Schneider map to map their wastewater system. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

## **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Jim Cowan presented the sheriff/jail departments report and statistics. There are currently sixty seven inmates housed at the jail. The annual jail inspection is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16. There is a new jail progress meeting on Thursday, May 17 at 10 a.m.

## **EMS REORTS**

EMS reports for April were received and reviewed from Raleigh, Anderson Twp, and Carthage. EMS reports for Rush Memorial Hospital were received and reviewed for February, March and April.

**WEDDING**

Commissioner Wilkinson received a request from Niki Cain to enter the courthouse on Saturday, May 26, 2018 to have wedding photos taken. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the request as long as there is someone to let her in. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried. Wilkinson will notify her to contact the auditor's office to schedule.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 29, 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