

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY 29, 2018

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, May 29, 2018 with Commissioners Paul Wilkinson, Mark Bacon, and Bruce Levi, and Jodi Harr, Auditor in attendance.

Paul Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge to the flag.

Minutes of the May 09, 2018 special meeting were reviewed. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the minutes. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of the May 14, 2018 regular 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 29, 2018 in the amount of \$121,211.67. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Payroll ending June 1, 2018 in the amount of \$184,352.70 was presented. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve payroll. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Requisition #8 for Jail Construction claims to be paid from the jail bond proceeds in the amount of \$14,562.73 were presented for approval. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

NEW JAIL PROJECT

Construction Control requested approval for a Subcontract Change Order to Banta Electrical Contractors, Inc. The change order will result in an additional charge of \$1,703.62. The change is to revise the commercial grade doors and hardware as noted. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the change order. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Sandy Fussner, Chamber of Commerce Director, gave a brief update on what is happening within the business community in Rush County.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton reported he has invested an additional \$500,000 from the highway fund. It is at Trust Indiana and allows us access to the funds within 24 hours.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Cowan presented the updated sheriff, jail and dispatch report. The current inmate count is seventy three. Commissioner Bacon asked what the probability of all five

hundred of the outstanding warrants being served and how many would remain incarcerated at the jail. Sheriff Cowan responded that everyone served a warrant would be checked into the jail. Some would remain incarcerated and some would be able to post bail immediately. Bacon asked why we have so many active warrants. Cowan responded due to the limited amount of space at the jail. As space becomes available, they try to prioritize the warrants to be served.

EMS PROPOSALS

Commissioner Paul Wilkinson reported that four proposals were received to provide EMS transporting services in Rush County. Anderson Township Volunteer Fire Department, Raleigh Fire Department, Rush Memorial Hospital and Rushville City Fire Department made proposals. Commissioner Levi commented everyone knows the situation the county is in and what we can afford to pay for these services. He would like time to closely review the proposals, analyze them and talk to each of the departments to see if there is a compromise. He does not want to compromise the services provided to the citizens of Rush County.

The dollar amounts of the proposals were as follows:

- Anderson Township for the southern district \$40,000
- Rushville City Fire Department \$469,000 for the central district
- Raleigh Fire Department \$75,000 for the northern district including Carthage
- Rush Memorial Hospital \$350,000 for the entire county

The commissioners will hold a special meeting on Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 9 a.m. to make their determination on which proposals to accept.

HEALTH INSURANCE

It is time to start the renewal process for employee health insurance. Standard Stop Loss Disclosure Forms were presented for signature and approval of the commissioners. By signing them today, it will lock in our claim expenditures as of April 30, 2018. Bruce Levi made the motion to sign the disclosure forms. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, June 11, 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

