

**REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JUNE 11, 2018**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 11, 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 May 29, 2018 regular meeting were reviewed. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the minutes. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of the May 31, 2018 special meeting were reviewed. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the minutes. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of the June 5, 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 June 11, 2018 in the amount of \$206,521.77. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Payroll ending June 15, 2018 in the amount of \$180,799.74 was presented. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve payroll. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Requisition #9 for Jail Construction claims to be paid from the jail bond proceeds in the amount of \$385,114.58 were presented for approval. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Request to make the first jail bond interest payment in the amount of \$227,348.44 due on June 30, 2018. Mark Bacon made the motion to pay the payment from jail proceeds. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

**EXTENSION**

Gracie Marlatt reminded the commissioners that the Extension Office will be moving to the fair grounds on Thursday, June 14, 2018. They will return to the courthouse on July 3, 2018. She introduced their new permanent part time employee, Ashley Dill.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Sandy Fussner reminded those in attendance of the Tractor Supply grand opening on June 23, 2018.

**MANILLA**

Concerned citizen Tony Laird along with the Weitzel and Keller families reported their concerns regarding the health hazard of property in Manilla. The properties are also an eyesore. One of the properties is located at Cross and Pearl Streets. There is an unsafe house and mobile home on the property. Varmints are inhabiting both of them. A tree is growing out of the mobile home. The second property is the grain elevator which the commissioners took deed to several years ago. They asked what they need to do in order to get these properties cleaned up.

Commissioner Levi noted he has spoken with the Western Rush Sewer District and they are willing to forgive the liens if the county forgives the delinquent property taxes. He agrees something needs to be done.

County Attorney Leigh Morning commented the procedure is for the county to take deed to the property within a certain amount of time after the property is offered at tax sale. The property would then be appraised before it could be sold. The 2018 property tax sale will be held on October 4, 2018. It would be January or February before the commissioners could take deed to the property.

### **NEW JAIL PROJECT**

The commissioners received three change order requests from CCI:

- JC Ripberger to revise the commercial grade doors, frames and hardware for an additional cost of \$7,760.00. It is believed the additional cost at this time will save on the cost of future maintenance and less staffing at a later time. Mark Bacon made the motion to sign the change order. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.
- Pauly Jail Building Company Inc. to state the cost for the detention doors, frames and hardware changes requested by the owner. The additional cost will be \$123.86. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the change order. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.
- Banta Electrical Contractors Inc. to provide and install the conduit and security electronic cabling required for the hardware changes requested by the owner. The additional cost will be \$4,045.78. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the change order. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Leigh Morning presented the State Cleanup Program Independent Closure Process Site Closure form for approval of the commissioners. She and Ron Jarman have reviewed the document. All wells have been cleaned at the contamination site and have been closed up. Mark Bacon made the motion to sign the state form. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

### **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT**

The fiscal year 2018/2019 community corrections grant was presented for the commissioner's approval. The amount of the grant is \$255,564.00 for Adult Community Corrections and \$22,625.00 for Prosecutors Diversion. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the grant. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

### **EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE**

Amendment 01 to the Rush County Employees summary plan description to renal dialysis outpatient services. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

**HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR**

A newly created job description was presented for approval by the commissioners along with the job posting. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the job description and job posting. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

**EMS REPORTS**

Monthly EMS reports for May were received for Anderson Township Volunteer Fire Department, Carthage Volunteer Fire Department and Raleigh Fire Department.

**HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the May monthly report for review by the commissioners. He noted that Bridge #138 on 700 West is open and was under budget.

He presented Supplemental Agreement No. 2 between Rush County and Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc. for construction inspection services in connection with the construction of Carthage Pike Phase 3 from the Town of Carthage to County Road 550 West. The additional amount of the contract is \$65,000.00. The permits are all in and the fees are budgeted. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the supplement to the contract in the amount of \$65,000.00. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

**SHERIFF**

Sheriff Jim Cowan reported sixty nine inmates are currently housed in the Rush County jail. He also presented the written DOC Jail Inspection Report. We received the same non-compliance issues as we have had in the past. One of the goals is to provide GED and Work One services to inmates once the new jail is complete. Currently there is no space available to conduct the classes. We have never had a medical room in the current jail but will have one in the new jail. Commissioner Levi asked if the sheriff had worked with the sheriff regarding the staffing shortage. Sherriff Cowan responded that he did try to address this in a joint meeting of the commissioners and council but nothing has happened.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, June 25, 2018.

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

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Jodi Harr, Auditor