

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JULY 9, 2018

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 9, 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 June 25, 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 July 9, 2018 in the amount of \$395,355.13. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Payroll ending July 13, 2018 in the amount of \$177,542.15 was presented. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve payroll. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Requisition #11 for Jail Construction claims to be paid from the jail bond proceeds in the amount of \$475,791.55 were presented for approval. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

NEW JAIL CONSTRUCTION

The following change orders were presented for the construction of the new jail:

- Subcontract change order for Stanley Convergent Security Solutions with an additional cost of \$6,189.00 for the additional door control, intercom stations, and programming changes requested by the owner. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.
- Subcontract change order for J.C. Ripberger Construction Corporation with a decrease in cost of \$7,620.00 to delete the mobile storage units and track in file room 1015. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.
- Subcontract change order for Banta Electrical Contractors Inc. with a decrease in cost of \$1,493.74 to reroute the incoming power from the north side of the building to the south side of the building. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the change order. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

EMA

EMA Director Chuck Kemker invited the commissioners to attend a full scale emergency response exercise which will be held July 14 at the jail.

Kemker requested approval to apply for the 2017 EMPG Salary Reimbursement Grant. If approved the county would receive fifty percent of the EMA Director Salary from the Indiana

Department of Homeland Security. The amount would be \$20,137.00. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the application for the grant. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

APC Director Gregg Duke presented the commissioners with a Certificate of Adoption from the APC Commission dated 6-13-18. On June 13, 2018 the APC held a public hearing with proper public notice. The purpose of the public hearing was to receive public input on changes to the Rush County Comprehensive Plan. The change is:

Addition of a Carthage specific section of roughly 175 pages outlining details of Carthage goals and visions.

The APC Commission gave a favorable recommendation to this change. They are now requesting the commissioners approve the above amendment. Duke believes the purpose of the amendment is because Carthage would like to be more of a part of Rush County. There is no additional cost to the county for the change. A comprehensive plan does help an entity obtain grants. Commissioner Wilkinson noted that OCRA does look for a comprehensive plan when looking at grant applications. He commends Carthage for taking this initiative. Commissioner Levi asked if this results in any changes to our current Area Plan Commission. Duke responded this is only a guidance not a ruling. Levi asked if there were any APC Board members in attendance who had any comments. Tom Monka feels it is unnecessary; however, he voiced his opinion at the APC public hearing. Commissioner Wilkinson has read the plan. There is a lot of information in the plan but nothing restrictive. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the requested amendment to the Rush County Comprehensive Plan to include the plan for Carthage. Paul Wilkinson seconded stating this is a step in the right direction for Carthage. Bacon and Wilkinson voted Aye. Levi abstained because he does not understand the whole thing. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE ROOF

Commissioner Wilkinson presented a proposal from Henry C. Smither Roofing Co., Inc. to do repairs to the courthouse roof in the amount of \$8,570.00. At the time of the repairs they will also inspect other areas of the roof. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the estimate. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

DENTAL/VISION COVERAGE

Auditor Jodi Harr presented a letter for signature by the commissioners. The letter is to United Healthcare to cancel the employee Dental and Vision Insurance Coverage effective August 1, 2018. The insurance committee recommended changing carriers to Delta Dental and EyeMed Vision effective August 1, 2018. Mark Bacon made the motion to sign. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

GIS REQUEST

Avalara requested us to provide them with a shapefile or other geospatial data file indicating the incorporated boundaries within Rush County. They use the data as part of their

tax calculation software to help customers understand the amount of tax owed per transaction. The commissioners had ask why they cannot get the information from Beacon. Beacon does not allow for the retrieval of shape files. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the request. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

EMS REPORTS

The commissioners received EMS reports from Anderson Township for June 2018, Raleigh Fire Department for June 2018, and from Rush Memorial Hospital for May and June 2018.

EMS CONTRACTS

The following EMS contracts were presented for approval:

- Rushville City through its Fire Department in the amount of \$216,849 for the period of July 15, 2018 through December 31, 2018 and \$469,000 for each calendar year for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2023. They will provide BLS and Paramedic services. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the contract. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Bacon and Wilkinson voted Aye. Levi voted No. Motion carried.
- Anderson Township Volunteer Fire Department to provide BLS service in the amount of \$3,333.33 per month for the period of July 15, 2018 through December 31, 2019. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the contract. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Bacon and Wilkinson voted aye. Levi voted no. Motion carried.
- Raleigh Fire Department Inc. to provide BLS services in the amount of \$30,053.78 for the period July 15, 2018 through December 31, 2018 and the sum of \$65,000 for the calendar year of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

EMS CO-ORDINATOR

Bruce Levi made the motion to assign the EMA Director to be the County Coordinator for EMS services. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Bruce Levi made the motion for the EMA Director's salary to be increased by \$9,750 for these added responsibilities. The change will be effective July 15, 2018. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

EMA Director Chuck Kemker was asked how much additional time it will take him to do these added responsibilities. He responded he will not know until he gets started. This additional pay will be paid with part of the \$21,000 savings to county general by the cost savings of the new EMS contracts.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the May financial report for the highway department.

He notified the commissioners that INDOT will be removing the flashing light at State Road 3 and State Road 244. They will be putting flashing lights to the East and West stop signs at the intersection.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Cowan reported an average inmate population of sixty six at the jail. He gave an update on happenings within the sheriff, jail and dispatch departments. They are doing what they can to keep the maintenance cost down at the current jail. The generator is leaking antifreeze so they are checking it daily.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, July 23, 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