

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOVEMBER 26, 2018

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 26, 2018 with Commissioners Paul Wilkinson, Mark Bacon, and Bruce Levi, and Jodi Harr, Auditor in attendance. Leigh Morning, County Attorney, was absent.

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

Minutes of the November 13, 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 November 26, 2018 in the amount of \$127,069.53. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Payroll ending November 30, 2018 in the amount of \$182,783.23 was presented. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve payroll. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Requisition #21 for Jail Construction claims to be paid from the jail bond proceeds in the amount of \$3,012.00 were presented for approval. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT

The County Treasurer's Monthly Report ending October 31, 2018 was presented to the Commissioners by Auditor Jodi Harr.

CLERK

Charles Malinowski from Malcon Malinowski Consulting Inc. was present to request approval of an agreement for IVD child support consulting services with the Rush County Clerk. His firm currently files the monthly child support expense report to the State of Indiana Child Support Bureau for the Clerk's office. This report is what qualifies Rush County to receive state and federal reimbursement. The Clerk uses her IVD fund to pay for this consulting agreement so there is no expense to county general. Jerry Sitton asked if the document contained the new Title VI statement that must be in all contracts. It does not. The Auditor will check with County Attorney Leigh Morning and forward the information to Mr. Malinowski.

Malinowski commented he is trying to have discussions with the County Auditor and County Prosecutor regarding helping with their IVD reports. The County Auditor currently uses Maximus for the counties annual cost allocation report. The County Prosecutor currently files their own reports with the State child support office.

RECORDER

Recorder Kevin Spilman presented the annual Microfilm Service Agreement and Disaster Recovery Services Agreement with vendor CCI. The amount of the agreement is \$8,702 and is paid from the Recorder Perpetuation Fund. Spilman presented a copy of the invoice which has a different amount than on the contract. It was also noted the contract states one year and the invoice says five years. Sitton also asked if the Title VI statement needed to be on these contracts. The commissioners asked for these things to be researched and brought back to them at their next meeting.

EMA

EMA Director Chuck Kemker reported all October EMS reports have been submitted. He noted Milroy EMS is still having coverage issues but they are working with the City Fire Department for coverage. They may ask the county for assistance in offering EMT classes for new recruits.

Approximately six hundred mass recovery kits should be arriving to Rush County soon. He will be meeting with EMS agencies to determine where to put them throughout the county and to set up training on the kits.

The recent ice storm resulted in approximately three thousand power outages. Warming stations were opened in three locations. There were no other major issues as a result of the storm.

COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE

Council President Gerald Mohr was present. He thanked the commissioners and courthouse departments for their 2018 budget reductions to cover the shortfall for 2019 budgets. Commissioner Levi commented this speaks volumes for our county office holders and department heads.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Sandy Fussner gave an update on the events happening at the Chamber.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested the commissioners approve the commitment of county funds for replacement of Bridge #1 in the amount of \$467,000.00 and Bridge #155 in the amount of \$379,000. These funds will be paid from the Highway Fund. The remaining will be paid with federal funds. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the commitment of funds for Bridge #1 and Bridge #155. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Sitton requested permission to hire a replacement for a recently retired employee. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Cowan presented the department report and statistics. There are currently fifty eight inmates housed at the jail. Morgan Stanley is the current administrator of the pension

plan for the merit deputies. Effective March 29, 2019 they will no longer be the administrator. The merit board is currently interviewing vendors to take over for Morgan Stanley.

Cowan reported a retirement and two resignations at the jail. He requested permission to hire one full time correction officer, one part time correction officer and a sex offender registrant. He has also received the resignation of the courthouse security officer and requested permission to fill that part time position. Mark Bacon made the motion to advertise for replacements of all of the above. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

The commissioners will contact the interested parties and the current appointees prior to making 2019 appointments.

COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

The commissioners requested the auditor advertise for bids for the courthouse maintenance service contract for 2019. This will be a one year contract. Bids will be opened at the December 21 commissioner meeting.

TITLE VI

A public hearing was set for December 21, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the TITLE VI changes.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, December 10, 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