

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FEBRUARY 19, 2019

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, February 19, 2019 with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson, and Bruce Levi, Jodi Harr, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Mark Bacon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge to the flag.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 4, 2019 were reviewed. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the minutes. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Auditor, Jodi Harr, presented the biweekly claims docket for February 19, 2019 in the amount of \$127,449.87. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the claims. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Payroll ending February 22, 2019 in the amount of \$178,908.80 was presented. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve payroll. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Requisition #27 for Jail Construction claims to be paid from the jail bond proceeds in the amount of \$41,105.50 were presented for approval. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

JAIL CONSTRUCTION

Change Order number 0280/0620-004 to J.C. Ripberger Construction Corporation in the amount of an additional charge of \$1,028.00 to provide and install two pressure treated 2"x4" and a rip of 3/8" pressure treated plywood at each jamb of the office window types SF07B. The commissioners feel like this should have been part of the original design prepared by project architect DLZ. Construction Manager John Painter was present to update on the project. He agrees that this should have been in the original design. None of the detail was put into the original bidding documents. CCI had to revise the detail. If this had been in the original design and part of the bid, we probably would have gotten a better price. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the change order but asked that County Attorney Leigh Morning contact DLZ to request the pay for their share of the mistake. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Painter presented a financial report as of 12/31/18 for the project. He has also presented the same report to the county council at their last meeting. He expects an occupancy date of late December 2019.

TREASURER

County Treasurer Cindy Humphrey emailed the January financial reports to the commissioners. She was unable to attend in person due to her being the only employee in the office during the meeting. She noted the large expenditures in January is normal due to annual expenses that get paid in January. She reported the Commissioner Sale of properties delinquent

on property taxes was successful. All twenty one parcels were sold. Commissioner Wilkinson thanked all of the employees in making the sale such a success. He also commented a vendor had contacted him regarding updating software instead of equipment.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Board President Tai Morrell was present to update the commissioners on the restructuring of the Health Department. There are four open positions on the Health Board.

- Dr. Jonathan LeSar will replace Dr. Phillips.
- Emily Ellis, Pharmacist will replace Greg Pratt.
- Rachel Clark, Paramedic, will replace Bruce Levi
- Vicky Lindsay, NP, will replace Dr. Daugherty.

Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the appointments. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

With all of the Board and positions being filled, they will now concentrate on a five year plan for the health department. Her goal is to update the commissioners every three or four months on the progress being made. Commissioner Wilkinson thanked Morrell and the health board for their professionalism, time and hard work during the turn over of staff in the health department.

RIDE RUSH

The fourth quarter 2018 report for Ride Rush was emailed to County Attorney Leigh Morning and the commissioners for their review and approval. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the report. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented Amended Ordinance 2019-1 Adopting a Wage Scale for the Rush County, Indiana Highway Department Drivers, Operators, Laborers, and Mechanics. There was a .01 mistake in the original. The corrected wage scale was attached. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the amendment. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Sitton presented a copy of the Bridge 127 preliminary bridge field check meeting minutes from USI Consultants. The meeting was held with the Department of Natural Resources on February 8, 2019. The county will have to pay IDNR around \$21,000 per acre for the maintenance of the wetlands. This will be around \$80,000. This project will be an 80/20 federal reimbursement. Construction is estimated to let on December 28, 2021. Because the area is in a wetland area, there is nothing that can be done about the road flooding. Bruce Levi has received complaints of school buses driving through the water. If we continue to get large amounts of rain, we may have to close the road.

He would like to set April 15 at 10 a.m. as the date to open contracts for repairs to the Offutt Covered Bridge. The county has been awarded two additional federal projects.

EMA

EMA Director Chuck Kemker reported that EMS agencies have built first aid kits to distribute to businesses, schools and other agencies. The Health Department has helped to cover the expense of the kits. There are approximately six hundred kits to distribute.

He presented an updated list of deadline dates to know for state, district and local EMA agencies.

State Grant Agreement EMP has been combined to include the competitive grant and the salary reimbursement grant. \$38,511.15 has been awarded for a new trailer and \$21,867.76 has been awarded for EMA salary reimbursement. The trailer has not yet been delivered.

RUSH COUNTY CHAMBER

Sandy Fussner was present to update the commissioners on happenings at the local Chamber and within Rushville City and Rush County.

HR

HR Director Tony Personnet reported the health department has hired Dr. Russell Daugherty as the Rush County Health Officer. His salary will be \$20,000.00 per year. A part time correction officer has been hired. He is researching into payroll deductions for the Community Foundation. March 20, 2019 will be the Employee Health Fair. Ball State University has reached out to us to see if any department would be interested in internships lasting six to ten weeks. He is researching this to see if this would benefit the county.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Allan Rice gave the sheriff and jail department statistical updates. He reported fifty two inmates currently housed in the jail.

Sheriff Rice commended Officers Keith, Hedrick, Meyer, Schultz, Morgan, Smallwood and Horton on a fire rescue they participated in. The fire was in Glenwood. He would like the county to honor these deputies and present them with a Life Saver Award at a public presentation. Hopefully it can be held when the fire victim can be present. The commissioners agreed that these Deputies should be publicly honored.

Sheri Raab moved her retirement date from March to February 22, 2019.

He has asked ECS to itemize the proposed contract for maintenance to the E911 equipment and to address why the old contract was 1/3 the price of their new contract. He is continuing to meet with ECS regarding the radio communications system. He would like to request a grant through the State E911 board to purchase radios for EMS departments. Commissioner Wilkinson agrees to the grant but he would also like to see each emergency service department to provide assistance. He would like a letter of intent be issued to apply for the grant. Rush County would be listed as the owners of the radios if the county is the one applying for the grant. EMS agencies would need to provide the maintenance. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to send a letter of intent to apply for the grant. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Rice requested permission to spend \$8,700 on equipment needed for his department. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Lastly, Rice reported there are currently three more jury trials scheduled at this time. They continue to eat into his overtime budget.

UMBAUGH

Umbaugh provides cash advisory services to the county for the jail construction bond proceeds. Umbaugh has joined forces with Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP. The merger of services requires a new Consent To Assign Agreement for Cash Advisory Services. The only thing that is changing is the name. County Attorney Leigh Morning has reviewed the document. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

CHILDRENS SERVICE BUREAU

Beth Moore with the Children's Bureau requested permission to place a pinwheel garden on the courthouse lawn for Child Abuse Awareness Month of April. They will place and take down the pinwheels. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the request. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE

QPH presented a quote to replace chilled water glycol with new inhibited propylene glycol mix. The cost of the project is \$15,600.00. Bruce Levi made the motion approve the service. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

Mark Bacon reported more leaks continue to appear in the courthouse roof. Morning explained the process necessary to get the roof repaired or replaced. The county council did agree to a loan if necessary to get the roof fixed. Wilkinson commented the roof was last replaced in the 1970's. The first thing to do is to find an architect/engineer to help with the permits from the state and historical boards. Bid specifications will also have to be prepared.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, March 4, 2019.

Bruce Levi made the motion to adjourn. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

/Mark Bacon/
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Paul Wilkinson/
Paul Wilkinson

/Bruce Levi/
Bruce Levi

ATTEST:

/Jodi Harr/
Jodi Harr, Auditor