

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MARCH 4, 2019

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 4, 2019 with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson, and Bruce Levi, and Jodi Harr, Auditor in attendance. County Attorney Leigh Morning was absent.

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 19, 2019 were reviewed. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the minutes. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Auditor, Jodi Harr, presented the biweekly claims docket for March 4, 2019 in the amount of \$176,676.24. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the claims. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

Payroll ending March 8, 2019 in the amount of \$196,456.41 was presented. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve payroll. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Requisition #28 for Jail Construction claims to be paid from the jail bond proceeds in the amount of \$14,501.42 were presented for approval. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

HR

HR Director Tony Personett reported the Employee Health Fair will be held on Wednesday, March 20 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. He requested permission to allow part time employees to also participate. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the request. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried. He also requested permission to invite the Rush County Community Foundation to participate in the Health Fair. This will give them an opportunity to present information to employees regarding the 2 to 1 match being offered by Lily. Bruce Levi made the motion to allow. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

WILLKIE DAYS

David Willkie was present to provide the Commissioners with information regarding the 2019 Five in Fifty Bike Ride to be held in conjunction with Willkie Days the weekend of September 20, 21 and 22, 2019. The ride is being presented by the Rush County Community Foundation. Monies received will go the 2 to 1 match being offered by Lily Endowment. The goal is to have 400 to 500 riders. He asked the Commissioners to vote to make this an official county event. Jerry Sitton stated the Offutt Covered Bridge will be closed for repairs and not available for the dinner or the ride. Rush County Chamber Director Sandy Fussner will pass the information on to the organization that organizes the dinner. Willkie reported the county will not be asked to pay for the event insurance this year. Sheriff Allan Rice does not see any issues

that will conflict for his department. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to recognize the Five in Fifty Ride as an official event on September 21, 2019. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

RIDE RUSH

Tina Logan, Ride Rush Director, presented a corrected invoice for INDOT for the last quarter of 2018. The \$2,000 overage is being paid from money the organization has already received. The report was reviewed and approved by the organization's accountant. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the amended 4th Quarter 2018 Report to INDOT. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

EXTENSION

Gracie Marlatt updated the Commissioners on the Strengthening Families Program. Centerstone and Franklin County are helping with the program. This is a seven week program. Next fall the program will be offered in Fayette County.

Marlatt has registered Rush County as a host site for the On Local Government Programs offered by Purdue. They are held three times per year. She thanked Chuck Kemker for the use of his room and equipment to host the webinars.

EMA

EMA Director Chuck Kemker requested the Commissioners sign his 2018 Employee Service Record showing the itemization of his hours worked. This is for his Salary Reimbursement Grant. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to sign the time sheet. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Kemker also requested the Commissioners sign the Promulgation of the Rush County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. It includes an updated record of signature list. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Julia Apple reported for the Health Department. In February the department issued three septic permits and twelve food permits. She is hosting an installer class on Thursday, March 7 in the Assembly Room. They are also working with vendor to possibly open a mobile food truck.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Sandy Fussner reported on the happenings in and around Rush County. St. Patricks Parade will be on March 9, 2019, Lunch with Chamber will be on March 20, 2019 and Rush County Schools Spring Break will be March 25 – 29, 2019.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented Ordinance 2019-2 Restricting Traffic on Goose Road. The Ordinance will restrict Goose Road to one lane between 900 N and 1000 North. It will also reduce the speed limit to 30 MPH. His department has placed cement block

barricades at the restricted area. USI consultants and D2 will be on site to review and see what repairs need to be done. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve Ordinance 2019-2. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

Sitton then presented a Consulting Agreement with Netherlain Engineering & Surveying in the amount of \$14,000.00. This is for Bridge #17 on Rushville Road. He is hoping to get the design work and bridge work done by the end of 2019. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the agreement. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

UMBAUGH

Auditor Jodi Harr presented an amended Continuing Disclosure Service Agreement with Umbaugh for serving as Rush County's Agent to handle required filings on the Municipal Securities Boards' Electronic Municipal Market Access. The only change is the Umbaugh merger with Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to sign the amended agreement. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

RUSH COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Rush County Redevelopment Commission will be meeting on March 15, 2019 to determine the future of the Milroy TIF District. The commissioners will need to make a new appointment to the Board to replace Tom Barnes. Bruce Levi made the motion to accept letters of interest through noon on Friday, March 15 and for the Commissioners to review them at their March 18, 2019 meeting. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

CIRCUIT COURT

Judge David Northam was present to update the Commissioners on the interesting year being had by both courts. The Prosecutors Office is being more aggressive and they are starting their third jury trial for this year. He will be asking the County Council for an additional appropriation to cover the cost of jury expenses. He estimates his current budgeted amount will run out in April. He sees no indication that this trend will stop in the near future. Currently the judges take turns using the Circuit Court room to take care of jury trials and jurors. If this trend continues, they will need to revisit how the courts are physically set up. This is a critical time for our local court system.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Allan Rice reported on the happenings at the sheriff and jail departments. They currently have fifty five inmates housed. He reiterated what Judge Northam said. The jury trials are costing him a great deal of overtime for the sheriff and jail employees.

Reserve Officers helped at the New Salem Lions Club Sale. A new sheriff deputy application process has been scheduled. None of the current applicants were able to pass the written and agility test. New Deputies Morgan and Schultz will be at the academy May through September.

The Spilman Technology programs need to be rewritten for transfer from the current jail to the new jail. Motorola presented their 800 MHz radio to him to be used with the Spilman

Mobile Ap. The data in the mobile ap is currently lost if the internet connection is lost while entering the information. The deputies then have to re-enter the information after they get back to the station.

The meal contract with Rush Memorial Hospital has been carrying over since 2007. They require a sixty day notice to end the contract. This gives him time to work on a new plan for the new jail.

Steve Houston's retirement date has been moved back by thirty days. He does have vacation days to use for this delay.

Rice is working on revising the inter-department policy for comp and vacation.

COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE

Paul Wilkinson reported that the job to replace chilled water glycol with new inhibited propylene glycol mix has been delayed due to the temperature change.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, March 18, 2019.

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

/Mark Bacon/
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/absent 3/18/19/
Paul Wilkinson

/Bruce Levi/
Bruce Levi

ATTEST:

/Jodi Harr/
Jodi Harr, Auditor