

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MARCH 18, 2019

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 18, 2019 with Commissioners Mark Bacon and Bruce Levi, Jodi Harr, Auditor, and County Attorney Leigh Morning in attendance. Commissioner Paul Wilkinson 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 March 4, 2019 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 March 18, 2019 in the amount of \$184,876.31. The Auditor denied a claim for Office Shop in the amount of \$42.00. It was a statement only with no itemization. The department has been notified and they will get the itemization and resubmit the claim. She also adjusted the amount of a claim which included sales tax in the amount of \$.49. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the claims with the exception of the two denials per the Auditor. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Payroll ending March 22, 2019 in the amount of \$182,791.55 was presented. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve payroll. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Requisition #29 for Jail Construction claims to be paid from the jail bond proceeds in the amount of \$492,840.03 were presented for approval. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER

The commissioners noted they did receive the February 2019 Monthly Treasurer's Report from Treasurer Cindy Humphrey.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Allan Rice gave a brief update on statistical information for the sheriff and jail departments. Eight applicants have passed the agility and written test in the latest deputy hiring process.

ECS has met with Sheriff Rice to resolve the issues for the analog/digital radios. They are real close to having all of the issues resolved. The 800 MHz radios need to be replaced. He has a quote from Motorola of \$248,000 to replace twenty mobile and twenty portable radios.

Currently the jail uses Government Payment Service, Inc. to process credit card payments. During the 2017 State Board of Accounts audit, the department was made aware of a situation where payments were not being sent immediately to us from the credit card company. He would like to terminate this contract and sign a new contract with PayGOV.US, LLC. PayGOV will send the payments to the clerk upon verification of availability. Bruce Levi made the motion to sign a letter of termination to Government Payment Service. Mark Bacon

seconded. Motion carried. Bruce Levi made the motion to sign the Agency Service Agreement with PayGov.US, LLC effective May 1, 2019. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

The Johnson Control contract is being reviewed by the Jail.

In a final matter, Rice requested permission to sign an enrollment form with Carfax. The agreement is the sheriff's department provides copy of their accident reports to Carfax. In return Carfax gives the sheriff department access to their system as an investigation tool. There is no cost. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the enrollment form. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Ashley Stevens is in the process of preparing the 2020 Grant Application for Community Corrections, Drug Court and the Prosecutor Felony Diversion program. She requested the Commissioners sign a letter to submit the grant. The Community Corrections Advisory Board has approved the grant. Bruce Levi made the motion to sign the letter. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

EMA

Chuck Kemker notified the Commissioner's that the new EMA trailer has been delivered. He is working on getting the lettering placed on the trailer, moving the equipment from the old trailer and purchasing additional items.

The county fire departments are looking at the Edispatch system for all departments. The cost is estimated at \$5,500.00. It could probably be paid from E911 funds. The Sheriff and Ron Jarman are involved in this conversation.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Sandy Fussner updated those in attendance of the upcoming events in the local community.

HR

Tony Personett reported the Employee Health Fair is set for Wednesday, March 20 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The jail has hired another part time jail officer.

The Personnel Committee met last week. Discussion was held on adding three employees in an advisory positions to the Personnel Committee. It is recommended to have one from the sheriff/jail departments, one from the highway department and one from the courthouse. Bruce Levi asked if it would be beneficial to have two from each location, a newer employee and one with more than ten years of experience. County Attorney Leigh Morning advised of not having the committee too large. Bruce Levi made the motion to add three employees to the Personnel Committee as advisory members with one each being from the sheriff/jail, highway and courthouse. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried. Personett will email all employees to have them respond to him if interested in serving on the committee. He will then present the list to the commissioners.

