

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APRIL 15, 2019

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 1, 2019 with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson and Bruce Levi, Jodi Harr, Auditor, and County Attorney Leigh Morning 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 April 1, 2019 were reviewed. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the minutes. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Special Commissioner Meeting held on April 3, 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 April 15, 2019 in the amount of \$404,101.80. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Payroll ending April 19, 2019 in the amount of \$181,914.66 was presented. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve payroll. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

Requisition #31 for Jail Construction claims to be paid from the jail bond proceeds in the amount of \$14,379.01 were presented for approval. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

OFFUTTS COVERED BRIDGE # 112

At 9:05 a.m. requested quotations were opened for the Bridge #112 Offutts Covered Bridge rehabilitation project. Four bids were received.

- CLR Construction \$326,685.00
- Trisler Construction \$164,380.00
- Duncan Robertson \$343,018.50
- HIS Constructors Inc \$232,708.00

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton ask for the Commissioner's to take the bids under advisement to give him thirty minutes to review them. Bruce Levi made the motion to take the bids under advisement for thirty minutes. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

After reviewing the bids, Sitton reported that all of the bids are over the Engineer's estimate. He would like to check with the Engineer to confirm figures. Bruce Levi made the motion to reject all bids and set a date at the next commissioner meeting to rebid the project. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Allan Rice presented current statistics for the jail and sheriff departments. There are currently fifty inmates housed at the jail. Corey Brattain has been hired as the new deputy to replace retiring Deputy Houston. He will start April 29, 2019.

Rice requested permission to go ahead and order the two new sheriff vehicles. They will not be in until July which is when payment will be made. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve Rice to order the vehicles which have been approved in the 2019 budget. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Sheriff Rice reported that with a large jury trial scheduled to start on Monday, April 22, 2019, he and the Rushville City Mayor have determined that the city public parking lot across from Pizza King will be closed to everyone except City Fire Personnel and people on the jury selection list on Monday and Tuesday.

Rice requested permission to add a new full time position at the jail. He would like a jail flex position. This person would be able to work as a correction officer and a communications officer. He will check with the county council regarding funding for the position. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to grant permission for the new position pending permission of the county council to fund the position. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

County Attorney Leigh Morning presented a contract with Everbridge/Nixle. This is the emergency warning system currently used by the county. There is an annual cost of \$5,000.00. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the contract. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Sheriff Rice is currently investigating a different vendor for inmate phone services. Morning presented a letter to the current vendor, Securus Technologies, Inc., notifying them of the county's intent to cancel their contract. Bruce Levi made the motion to sign the termination letter which will be effective September 8, 2019. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

NEW JAIL CONSTRUCTION

Change Order 1520-003 was presented by CCI. It is an additional amount of \$10,892.00 to Greiner Brothers for cost for controls of the operation of the stand-alone chillers for the courthouse. The architect only included cost in the original design phase for the cost of the chiller at the jail. The original plans had the courthouse chiller at the new jail which is when the new jail was going to be two stories high. When the new jail was changed to one story, the chiller was moved to the courthouse. Construction Manager John Painter commented we are currently below average on the number of change orders for a project this size. Commissioner Wilkinson commented we need to continue to share these concerns with project architect DLZ. Wilkinson made the motion to approve the change order. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Change Order 0710-001 was presented with an additional cost of \$9,762.00 to Horning Roofing and Sheet Metal to provide and install the added roof wood blocking as per the Architect's response to RF1076 and Field Work Order 003. Painter explained what roof blocking is. The note said see the size of the angle in the structural drawings and there was nothing noted there. Commissioner Bacon expressed his displeasure with the Architect. The work has already been completed. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the change

order. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried. Bacon stated we need to pass along to DLZ that the commissioners are not happy with these changes that should have been in the architect's design and cost.

Painter reported the courthouse chiller is scheduled for the manufactured start up. The courthouse electric has been restored. They believe the power outage on April 12 was due to a factory default with the new transformer.

He also updated on the construction progress. He believes they have picked up a week and a half of the behind schedule time.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Sandy Fussner updated on happenings at the Chamber and around Rush County. There is an estate planning class scheduled, the Community Easter Egg Hunt, Meet the Candidate event, Branding Basics class, Milroy Economic Development Commission will be meeting to discuss the Milroy Lighting Project, Mayors 5K walk/run, and The Sampler and Vogels will be hosting open houses. The annual Chamber Dinner will be held on May 4, 2019.

EMA

EMA Director Chuck Kemker reported all EMS department reports have been received and reviewed. The new phone system all page function is now set up. The new IDHAS grant cycle has opened up. He is submitting an application to have the courthouse panic system updated. On July 25, 2019 there will be a table top exercise held in Tipton County. The scenario will be an incident that causes a sixty to ninety day power outage throughout the state.

COUNCIL

Council Chairman Charles Smith reported that a few council members along with the sheriff and auditor will be going to Perry County to meet with their respective office holders regarding jail operations and budgeting.

HR

HR Director Tony Personett reported the Personnel Advisory Committee will start meeting in May to revise the 2009 Rush County Employee Personnel Policy.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton reported the commissioner's need to approve the Offutt Covered Bridge plans. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the plans. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

After meeting with the bridge inspectors on April 11, 2019, it was determined that Bridge #37 on 600 North was to be closed due to damages. It is not safe to cross. The estimated cost to replace is \$400,000.00. Bridge #17 on Rushville Road is scheduled to be replaced but can wait another two to three years. He can apply this cost to the amount for Bridge #37.

TREASURER

The March 31, 2019 Monthly Treasurer Report was received.

WEATHER WARNING SIRENS

The Commissioners addressed a letter received from Verlin Custer requesting if the weather warning sirens will be compatible with the Kenwood Nexedge. The commissioners referred this to EMA Director Chuck Kemker. He commented the current system will be left in analog mode. If the equipment is ever switched to digital, it is possible the equipment will need to be replaced. Custer's question is how should he direct the taxing units to budget for when the system has to be updated. Kemker does not see this changing in the near future.

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

/Mark Bacon/
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Paul Wilkinson/
Paul Wilkinson

/Bruce Levi/
Bruce Levi

ATTEST:

/Jodi Harr/
Jodi Harr, Auditor