

**REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY 13, 2019**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, May 13, 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 Executive Session held on April 29, 2019 were reviewed. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the minutes. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 29, 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 May 13, 2019 in the amount of \$545,457.30. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

Payroll ending May 17, 2019 in the amount of \$187,204.56 was presented. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve payroll as presented. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Requisition #33 for Jail Construction claims to be paid from the jail bond proceeds in the amount of \$1,330,330.80 were presented for approval. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

**JAIL CONSTRUCTION**

Change Order 1600-007 in the additional amount of \$3,927.00 to Banta Electrical Contractors, Inc. to relocate the electrical transformer from the janitor closet 1309 to the second floor security electronics room 2209. According to Construction Manager John Painter, the equipment was too large for the room and there would be a water source too close to the equipment which is a building code violation. Wilkinson commented this is again not a change that has been requested by the owner of the building but by an error on the engineer that was hired to draw the building plans. He does not feel like the county should have to pay this. Painter stated the work has not been done at this time. He recommends to wait on this change order and for the commissioners to meet with the engineer. Levi made the motion to table this request until they meet with the project engineer. Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried. Bacon agrees with the other commissioners. DLZ has designed many jails.

**RIDE RUSH**

Tina Logan with Ride Rush was present to request the commissioners approve the January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019 quarterly report to INDOT. Wilkinson made the

motion to approve the quarterly report. Levi seconded. Motion carried. The deadline to file the next years grant is May 31, 2019. Logan will bring it to the next meeting for the commissioner's approval. Residents are still using the transportation services provided by Ride Rush. They have held a fund raiser to help with the operational costs. You can call the Senior Center to schedule a ride.

## **BROADBAND IN RUSH COUNTY**

Carole Yeend reminded everyone to please complete the survey that is available by paper or on line regarding what internet services, if any, are provided in your area of the county. Large internet providers are starting to reach out to our local committee.

## **HR**

Tony Personett requested approval to hire the replacement of a deputy prosecutor. Wilkinson made the motion to proceed. Levi seconded. Motion carried.

## **HIGHWAY**

Jerry Sitton had the following items for the commissioner's approval:

- Contract between Rush County and Trisler Construction Company Inc. in the amount of \$164,380.00 for repairs to Offutt Covered Bridge #112. This cost does have extra built into the total in case there are additional beams that need to be replaced. They will start in June and hope to be done in the fall. Wilkinson made the motion to approve the contract. Levi seconded. Motion carried. Sitton is working with the Rush County Community Foundation to see if there is any grant money available to help with the cost.
- The 2018 Annual Operational Report for Local Roads and Streets and Bridges was presented for approval. The actual report will be filed electronically by Sitton. He noted the county spent much more than the fifty percent requirement of restricted fund usage. Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Levi seconded. Motion carried.
- Contract between Rush County and Butler Fairman and Seufert for consultant services for Bridge #155 on county road 450 South over Little Flatrock River in the amount of \$173,690.00. The county will receive eighty percent back from federal funding. Wilkinson made the motion to approve the contract. Levi seconded. Motion carried.
- Contract between Rush County and Butler Fairman and Seufert for consultant services for Bridge #1 on 1100 North over Six Mile Creek in the amount of \$206,360.00. The county will receive eighty percent back from federal funding. Wilkinson made the motion to approve the contract. Levi seconded. Motion carried.
- The April Financial Report for the Highway Department was presented.
- Bridge #37 has been closed due to the settling of the slats. They are working on it today.
- Goose Road north of county road 900 North near Carthage is need of repair. The road is unstable due to the erosion of Little Blue River. There is a three ton limit currently posted on the road along with barricades blocking one lane. Access is still available to the cemetery and the two homes on this section of road. The current daily traffic count is fifty. The estimate for repairs is just under one million dollars. It has been reported that

garbage trucks are still accessing the road. Sitton will try to find out which companies and contact them. Levi made the motion to take the two repair options under advisement. Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

- The next set of claims from the highway department will include a claim in the amount of \$26,500. The highway department has purchased a Bermer.

### **SCHOOL CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST**

Auditor Jodi Harr presented the Annual Report of School Congressional Interest to be signed by the commissioners. She and Rush County Treasurer Cindra Humphrey have signed and approved the form. Wilkinson made the motion to approve and sign the form. Levi seconded. Motion carried.

### **RUSHVILLE CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

The Rushville City Redevelopment Commission will hold its annual meeting to discuss the TIF taxing district within their commission. The meeting will be today at 6 p.m.

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Allan Rice presented the sheriff/jail department updates. Fifty six inmates are currently housed at the jail. The annual state jail inspection will be held on May 15, 2019.

He requested permission to apply for a state grant through the Indiana State Department of Health. The grant is for intranasal naloxone rescue kits and the training on the use of the kits. The period of the grant is May 1, 2019 through September 29, 2019. There is no cost to county. Rice reported this grant has been offered several times and believes that it will continue. The grant only covers kits for law enforcement officers. Levi made the motion to approve the application. Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried. Bacon will electronically sign the grant.

Officers Morgan and Schultz will be leaving for the law enforcement academy. They will be there until September.

The inmate phone service will be changed to Stellar effective in September 2019. Once the new jail is operational, video conference will be available for inmates and their families. He will have the contract for the commissioner's at their next meeting.

A group of county officials and employees visited the Perry County Jail last Thursday. It was very informative to see their jail and how they operate in their new facility.

### **ASSURED PARTNERS**

Keaton Mueller with Assured Partners requested permission to quote the county's property and casualty insurance. The county's current policy is good through January 1, 2020. Bruce Levi made the motion to table this until they receive more information from the current carrier. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

### **COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE**

Discussion was held on the new courthouse chiller. It has been installed and we are waiting on factory and maintenance training. The question was asked when the fencing would go up around the chillers. It has been mentioned that we wait until the current jail is torn down and use the Bedford stone from that building to build the fence. The commissioners will check to see if we can use the fencing around the old chiller.

The transformer on the south side of the courthouse is not in a secure area. Chuck Kemker has been asked to get a padlock for it. Mark Bacon will check with John Painter for his recommendation.

Wilkinson updated on the status of the courthouse roof. He has the binder with the engineer recommendations from the courthouse study. He is waiting on recommendations from a designer/engineer. It has not been sent out for request for bids. Bacon asked if we can utilize the engineer who did the study. We need to hire a consultant to draw up the plans. Paul will contact the group who did the courthouse study to give us a proposal to draw up the plans on what needs to be done to the roof and the cost. Discussion will need to be had on what material needs to be used.

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

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Mark Bacon, Chairman

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ATTEST:

/Jodi Harr/  
Jodi Harr, Auditor