

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY 28, 2019

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, May 28, 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 May 13, 2019 were reviewed. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the minutes. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Special Session held on May 16, 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 May 28, 2019 in the amount of \$459,483.59. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Payroll ending May 31, 2019 in the amount of \$191,433.95 was presented. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve payroll as presented. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Requisition #34 for Jail Construction claims to be paid from the jail bond proceeds in the amount of \$9,931.34 were presented for approval. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

JAIL CONSTRUCTION

Change Order 1600-007 to Banta Electric in the additional amount of \$3,927.00 was denied until the negotiated changes are made on a motion by Paul Wilkinson. Seconded by Bruce Levi. Motion carried.

TREASURER

Treasurer Cindy Humphrey presented the April 30, 2019 Treasurer Report. She reported that Spring Property Taxes have been collected and will be certified to the Auditor by the end of the week. The Auditor intends to distribute the collections to taxing units by June 17. Auditor Jodi Harr noted that County General will end the month of May in the red; however, the cash is in the bank, just not distributed to the funds. She reminded the Commissioners and Department Heads this means that we overspent for the first six months of the year.

In the past the Auditor and/or the Treasurer would estimate taxes due for split properties. We will no longer be doing that. The taxing system has become too complicated to get an accurate estimate. The DLGF does have a website that we can refer property owners to for them to

calculate their estimate. Indiana Code requires the County Auditor to split the property which we will continue to do.

RECORDER

On behalf of the Recorder, Leigh Morning presented a contract with CSI – Computer Systems, Inc. to provide redacting services to the Recorder. This is a four year contract and will be paid from his Recorder Perpetuation Fund. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the contract. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

AREA PLAN

Area Plan Director Gregg Duke presented the following Rezone request. Both were given favorable recommendations from the Area Plan Commission at a public hearing on May 15, 2019:

- John and Misty Blankman requested property located at 1216 S. Airport Road parcel number 70-11-09-100-002.000-010 be rezoned from Manufacturing (M) to Residential (R1). Their home is located on this property and would not be able to be rebuilt in the current zone classification. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.
- Kevin Swango requested property located at 6789 N 800 W parcel number 70-01-35-200-007.000-008 be rezoned from Regulated Livestock (A-3) to Agri-business (A-2). The change is being requested to allow a transfer facility that could include sales and repair of automobiles and farm equipment. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the rezone. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL

HR Director Tony Personett presented a Disclosure Agreement regarding high cost medical claims. This form is necessary as we start the new enrollment process for employee health insurance. Bruce Levi made the motion to sign. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Julia Apple provided an update on the health department. They are looking into the possibility of accepting credit card payments. They are also looking to purchase a second vehicle for use by Health Department staff. Three people are trying to use one vehicle currently owned by the Health Department. Permit request are high so they anticipate needing the vehicle more. This will hopefully save on the mileage being paid to employees for the use of their personal vehicles. The vehicle will be purchased with Local Health Maintenance Funds received from the State of Indiana. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to allow the vehicle purchase. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried. Apple affirmed that there are enough funds already appropriated to make this purchase.

They would also like to purchase a new copy machine. The old one will be traded in. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the purchase. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

PREPAREDNESS GRANT

The Indiana State Department of Health is revamping the Preparedness Grant. They want this position to be permanent and it cannot be someone currently employed in the Health Department. The state will pay \$25,000 for salary and benefits. It will be a fully funded grant position and Apple believes the funds will be given to the county upfront. She will provide more information once she receives it from the state. It will be a part time position. Wilkinson asked if it can be a contract position. We need to see the grant application in order to see the specifics set by the state for this grant.

RIDE RUSH TRANSPORTATION GRANT

Tina Logan presented the Fiscal Year 2019 Transportation Grant for approval of the Commissioners. It was emailed to the Commissioners and to County Attorney Leigh Morning at six p.m. last night. They have not had a chance to review the document. It is due to the state by May 31, 2019. She will try to get it to them sooner in the future. The Commissioners agreed to hold a Special Commissioner Meeting on Thursday, May 30 at 4:00 p.m. to complete the review of the grant. Logan will be present and happy to answer any questions.

Logan asked that one of the Commissioners attend her INDOT review on June 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Sandy Fussner asked permission to use the Moscow Covered Bridge for the dinner held on Friday, September 20 in collaboration with Willkie Day events if the Offutt Covered Bridge is not available. There will be approximately seventy five to one hundred people in attendance. No action was taken by the Commissioners.

RUSH COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Christi Amos with the Rush County Community Foundation was present to update the Commissioners on the scholarships recently awarded. She also updated the 2 to 1 Lilly grant.

HIGHWAY

Jerry Sitton requested to advertise for bids for the replacement of Bridge #27. The bids will be opened on July 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Allan Rice gave the department statistical update. He has ordered two new vehicles. They should be delivered in September. The Merit Board has opened the process to rank two sergeants. There will be two positions open. He also reported the Pre-Trial Release program started last week. There is a formal assessment that will be done by jail and community correction staff when the defendants are brought into custody.

ATTEST:

/Jodi Harr/

Jodi Harr, Auditor