

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JUNE 10, 2019

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 10, 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 28, 2019 were reviewed. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the minutes. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Special Session held on May 30, 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 June 10, 2019 in the amount of \$160,491.51. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

Payroll ending June 14, 2019 in the amount of \$184,702.13 was presented. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve payroll as presented. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

Requisition #35 for Jail Construction claims to be paid from the jail bond proceeds in the amount of \$869,510.84 were presented for approval. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

JAIL CONSTRUCTION

Eric Ratts with DLZ was present to discuss and answer any questions regarding change orders that have been presented for the jail project. Construction is on schedule to be done by the end of 2019. It is about sixty five percent completed at this time. He provided a soft cost construction report noting that our percent of change orders thus far is only 0.32%. He also provided a list of change orders and explained each requested change. Fifty percent of the change orders go back to early construction of the communication tower and soil contamination. The Commissioners thanked him for attending their meeting. Ratts does not anticipate any major changes from here forward. Any money left in the contingency budget can be used to make extra payment on the debt or for operations of the new jail per County Attorney Leigh Morning.

Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the building plaque once Charles Smith's name is spelled correctly. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER

Treasurer Cindra Humphrey was unable to attend. She did leave the County Treasurer's Monthly Report ending May 31, 2019; however, it did not have the detailed fund information

that is normally included. The Commissioners would like to wait until they receive the complete report before they approve it.

SURVEYOR

Surveyor Marvin Rees requested the Commissioners approve a service agreement with Parr Richey. It will be for legal services needed to work with CSX railroad on the Carr-Stanley Drain. The total cost will be between \$2,000 and \$5,000. He would pay it from the Drain Improvement Fund and refund it once the assessments are made and collected for that drain. This company has worked with CSX in the past. Morning has reviewed the contract. Wilkinson made the motion to sign the contract. Levi seconded. Motion carried.

EMA

EMA Director Chuck Kemker presented a copy of the Cascading Events Plan for Rush County for the Commissioners to approve. District 6 has worked together to build this plan. It will be added to the Emergency Comprehensive Plan. He will update all of the emergency provider services within the next couple of months. There is no cost to the county unless there is a local incident. Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Levi seconded. Motion carried.

He spent two and a half days in Pendleton helping to assess their storm damage.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Sandy Fussner gave an update on happenings within the county.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the following items:

- A Contract between INDOT and Rush County for Bridge 1 eighty percent reimbursement of engineering fees. Levi made the motion to approve. Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.
- A Contract between INDOT and Rush County for Bridge 155 eighty percent reimbursement of engineering fees. Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Levi seconded. Motion carried.
- Ordinance 2019-3 Repealing Ordinance 2018-3 for the Homer detour was presented. Wilkinson made the motion to approve Ordinance 2019-3 repealing Ordinance 2018-3. Levi seconded. Motion carried.
- Reported he has received the county highway mileage certification from the state.
- Presented the May financial reports
- Gave an update on the covered bridge repairs

SHERIFF

Sheriff Allan Rice gave the sheriff/jail department statistical updates. There are currently forty five inmates housed at the jail.

Rice requested permission to buy two new computers from Indigital costing \$6,268.80. They will be used for E911 mapping. Levi made the motion to approve. Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

Next, Rice presented a quote and purchase addendum from Spilman Technologies to purchase, installation and training of the modules for the new jail. The cost is \$17,440.00. The Stellar Grant with the new inmate phone services will pay \$15,000.00 and the balance will be paid from jail commissary funds. Levi made the motion to approve. Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

BETH STEINBROOK – MILROY PROPERTY

Beth Steinbrook was present to request assistance from the Commissioners regarding a granted right of way at 7352 S. State Road 3 in Milroy. Milroy Utilities sold her family the land behind the Steinbrook property. Her son is wanting to build a property on the back of the property but needs access to a right of way that was given to Milroy Utilities years ago in order to get the heavy equipment back there to build the house. The current land owner does not want to honor the right of way. They have not been able to find a recorded document granting the right of way. Morning commented there is nothing the commissioners can legally do for her. Sitton suggested Steinbrook get back in touch with the Recorder's office. He believes they may have found some additional information.

COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE

Kemker has been working with the Commissioners to design an ADA compliant handicap ramp on the north and west sides of the courthouse. The current ramp is not wide enough or steep enough. He presented a plan to reconstruct the ramp. It would bring the entire walkway into ADA compliance. The recommendation is for two handicap parking spaces of which one must be marked as handicap van accessible. We currently have three but this plan will eliminate one of them. Wilkinson made the motion to take the design under advisement to get some prices. Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Ralph Adams asked the status on getting the courthouse roof repaired. Wilkinson noted he has made several calls but is having trouble getting anyone to return his calls. He is working on getting this project moving forward.

COVERED BRIDGE CERTIFICATION

Auditor Jodi Harr requested approval of the annual covered bridge certification required by the Auditor of State of Indiana. It is certifying that Rush County has five covered bridges. Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Levi seconded. Motion carried.

PLAT MAINTENANCE FEES

Harr requested approval of Ordinance 2019-4 Requiring the Auditor of Rush County to Collect a Plat Maintenance Fee. Effective July 1, 2019 IC 36-2-9-18(d) requires the auditor to collect this fee in the amount of \$10.00. Wilkinson made the motion to approve Ordinance 2019-4. Levi seconded. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT

The Indiana Department of Corrections has made changes to the time frame of the Community Corrections Grant. It is changing from a state fiscal time period to a calendar year. In order to do that, the IDOC has approved an extension from July 1, 2019 until December 31, 2019 in the amount of \$139,094.50. Levi made the motion to approve the extension. Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

Morning and Harr commented that a county grant policy is being worked on. Morning will email it to the commissioners and council members.

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

/Mark Bacon/
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Paul Wilkinson/
Paul Wilkinson

/Bruce Levi/
Bruce Levi

ATTEST:

/Jodi Harr/
Jodi Harr, Auditor