

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JULY 8, 2019

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 8, 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 June 24, 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 July 8, 2019 in the amount of \$413,389.00. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

Payroll ending July 12, 2019 in the amount of \$189,052.70 was presented. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve payroll as presented. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Requisition #37 for Jail Construction claims to be paid from the jail bond proceeds in the amount of \$848,039.79 were presented for approval. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

JAIL CONSTRUCTION

The air conditioning in the fiber hut has been installed. The cost came in under the estimate. The interest payment on the bond proceeds is due July 15. Auditor Harr has made arrangements with First Financial Bank to make the payment.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the following business for the Commissioners:

- Community Crossing Grant Application. It has been submitted to the State of Indiana.
- June Financial Report
- Ordinance 2019-5 Establishing A Temporary Maximum Speed Limit on Goose Road and 1000 North to 30 miles per hour was presented. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve Ordinance 2019-5. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.
- Offutt Covered Bridge is being worked on now. They found additional damage that will need to be repaired at an additional charge.
- At 10:00 a.m. Bids were opened for the replacement of Bridge 27 located on 1100 North over Flatrock River. The following two bids were received:
 - Hoosier Pride Excavating in the amount of \$379,421.94
 - Duncan Robertson in the amount of \$453,908.20

Both bids are over the engineers estimates of \$324,000.00. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to take both bids under advisement until the next meeting. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

BROADBAND COMMUNICATIONS

There will be an information meeting on Thursday, July 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room regarding the results of the recent survey taken.

HR

Tony Personnet reported that longevity bonuses were distributed to employees on June 28, 2019. Some employees have concerns that all employees were not treated fairly by using the June 30, 2018 as the eligibility date to determine the amount of longevity. Wilkinson commented this is not an issue for the Commissioners. It should be addressed by the County Council. Auditor Jodi Harr noted that this was a bonus given by the County Council. The Council instructed Personnet and Harr to calculate longevity as of June 30, 2018 for budgeting purposes. That date was used for all employees and no one was treated any differently than the other employees.

E911 JOINT DISPATCH CENTER

At the June 12 County Council meeting, the Council made the recommendation to the Commissioners to establish an exploratory committee to review the feasibility of a joint dispatch center. Sheriff Allan Rice commented the joint dispatch would ease the work load; however, he does not think there is time to do it before the occupancy of the new jail. He believes one of the biggest task will be to determine if the employees are county, city or other. EMA Director Chuck Kemker believes the new jail is designed for a central dispatch location. Bruce Levi made the motion to establish an exploratory committee to look at the feasibility, pros and cons of a central E911 dispatch. The committee will consist of one county commissioner, one county council member, Sheriff, Mayor, one city council member, City Chief of Police, and the EMA Director. I.T. will serve as an advisory member. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried. Mark Bacon will be the representative for the commissioners. Scott Barnes will be the representative for the county council. They would like to meet by August 9. The Auditor will notify Mayor Pavey and Chief Tucker for their recommendation.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Allan Rice provided the following information:

- Department update. 44 inmates which include 12 that are holds for other counties. The county receives \$37.50 per day for each inmate housed from another county.
- Department training update.
- He is considering using Gordon Food Services for the inmate meals at the new jail. They are also preparing to go ahead and start their service for the remainder of 2019. Their cost is \$1.00 per meal compared to the current cost of \$1.92. He is meeting with Gordons today to discuss if we have the facilities to make this work until the move to the new jail.

Gordons do have a licensed dietician on staff. We need to give Rush Memorial Hospital a sixty day notice of the termination of our contract with them. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to draft a letter to Rush Memorial Hospital thanking them for their services and terminating our contract effective September 15, 2019. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried. County Attorney Leigh Morning will prepare the letter.

- The Pepper ball policy was given to Morning for her review.
- Discussion was held once again on the golf cart and ATV policy for the county. Rice believes the commissioners need to define the specifics of what will be allowed on the road and what markings must be on the vehicle. He thinks we still need to do some more research before we adopt a policy. Commissioner Wilkinson wonders how restrictive we need to be for vehicles in low traffic areas.

COMMISSIONER MEETING DATE CHANGE

The Commissioners changed the date of their July 22, 2019 meeting to Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

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

/Mark Bacon/
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/absent 7/18/19/
Paul Wilkinson

/Bruce Levi/
Bruce Levi

ATTEST:

/Jodi Harr/
Jodi Harr, Auditor