

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JULY 18, 2019

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 18, 2019 with Commissioners Mark Bacon and Bruce Levi, Jodi Harr, Auditor, and County Attorney Leigh Morning in attendance. Commissioner Paul Wilkinson was not 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 July 8, 2019 were reviewed. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the minutes. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Auditor, Jodi Harr, presented the biweekly claims docket for July 18, 2019 in the amount of \$274,550.03. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Payroll ending July 26, 2019 in the amount of \$185,617.23 was presented. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve payroll as presented. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Requisition #38 for Jail Construction claims to be paid from the jail bond proceeds in the amount of \$5,438.99 were presented for approval. There was a claim presented to JC Ripberger in the amount of \$239.00 which is believed to be a duplicate claim. CCI is verifying that. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the claims with the exception of the possible duplicate claim in the amount of \$239.00 to JC Ripberger. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

JAIL CONSTRUCTION

John Painter with CCI was present requesting approval of two change orders.

- Change Order 1520-004 to reroute the exhaust duct serving exhaust fan LA-6 in the Coroner's area will result in an additional charge of \$3,047.00. This is a request of the Rush County Coroner to route the exhaust to the outside rather than the inside of the building. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the change order. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.
- Change Order 0510-002 to provide and install a 7x3x3/8 structural tube welded to 1/2"x6"x7" steel shims at 18" o.c. welded to the top flange of the W18x40 beams on column line R. Cost to be funded through the steel allowance. There is no additional cost to the project. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the change order. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Painter went over three additional change orders that will be forthcoming to the Commissioners. He also notified them of an additional charge of \$6,550 that is needed to clean cells that were placed last fall. There are obligated funds in the general conditions budget to cover this. In a final matter, he explained an issue with the fire wall in stair well #2. There will be an additional charge of \$4,220.00. It was due to a design error. County Attorney Leigh Morning questioned if these plans were approved by project architect DLZ prior to their approval. Commissioner's

Levi and Bacon agree that DLZ should have caught this from the design phase of the project. The County hired DLZ and CCI to review and make sure the plans are correct. Painter will discuss this with DLZ at the construction meeting later today. The Commissioners' are in agreement that we should not ask the tax payers to pay this expense.

TREASURER

Treasurer Cindy Humphrey presented the June 2019 County Financial Report. Tax sale notices have been sent out to property owners who are delinquent on taxes and their property is eligible to be sold at the annual tax sale. There were sixty five parcels certified for the sale.

EMA

EMA Director Chuck Kemker reported the debriefing from the tornado incident has been completed. All EMS reports for June have been received. E-dispatch has been installed and is working in some of the fire departments. The State wide practical drill has been set up.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Julia Apple gave an update on happenings within the department. The Stevens/Geise issue has been determined to be a drainage board issue. The health department's determination is that both septic systems must be in by October 15, 2019. They are currently working on the health department's recertification. The full time nursing position vacated by retiring nurse Marge Amos will be replaced with a part time nurse at this time.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton offered the following business:

- At the July 8 meeting the Commissioners opened bids for Bridge 27 replacement. Sitton recommended the Commissioners accept the bid to Hoosier Pride in the amount of \$379,421.94. They were the lowest bidder. It is believed the bids were higher than the engineers estimate because all contractors are busy at this time. The road will need to be raised by four feet on each side. Sitton believes the actual cost will be lower than the bid. Bruce Levi made the motion to accept the bid of Hoosier Pride in the amount of \$379,421.94. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried. Bruce Levi made the motion to sign the contract with Hoosier Pride. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.
- An additional \$25,000 will be needed for repairs at Offutt Covered Bridge. He has informed the organizers of the Willkie Five in Fifty bike ride that the bridge will not be open for their dinner in September but they are welcome to use the Moscow Covered Bridge.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Allan Rice gave his department update and statistics. He presented the Pepperball System that will be included in the Rush County Sheriff's Office Policy manual. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the policy. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

He also presented the “Wrap” Restraint Device policy to be included in the Sheriff’s Office policy. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the policy. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Stellar is installing the equipment needed for the new Commissary system.

The 2017 Ford Explorer was involved in an accident and totaled by the county auto insurance. Commissioner Mark Bacon signed the title to be released.

AUDITOR

Auditor Jodi Harr presented the Salary Form 144’s for the 2020 budget year. She reminded the Commissioners of the wage scales that have been adopted by them for the courthouse and highway employees. Sheriff, Jail and Elected Officials were not addressed in the adopted policies. The Commissioners will make their recommendation at their next meeting.

The next scheduled regular meeting of the County Commissioners will be on Monday, August 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Bruce Levi made the motion to adjourn. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

/Mark Bacon/
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/absent 7-18-19/
Paul Wilkinson

/Bruce Levi/
Bruce Levi

ATTEST:

/Jodi Harr/
Jodi Harr, Auditor