

**REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUGUST 5, 2019**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 5, 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 July 18, 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 August 8, 2019 in the amount of \$361,786.12. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Payroll ending August 9, 2019 in the amount of \$185,985.08 was presented. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve payroll as presented. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

Requisition #39 for Jail Construction claims to be paid from the jail bond proceeds in the amount of \$628,099.11 were presented for approval. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the claims. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried. Construction Manager John Painter requested that the Auditor hold on to the check for Horning Roofing Contractors until he gives permission to release it.

**JAIL CONSTRUCTION**

John Painter presented the following change orders for approval:

- Change Order 0930-002 to Circle B Construction in an additional amount of \$4,412.95 to extend the gypsum board on the inside of the security electronics room 2209 in the roof deck. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.
- Change Order 0910-001 to Blakely Corporation in an additional amount of \$30.00 to add VCT flooring in room 1309 where the mop basin was removed. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.
- Change Order 1520-0005 to Greiner Brothers has no change in the cost to remove the mop basin located in the janitor's closet 1309, cap water supply lines, cut off and cap waste line below floor. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the change order. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.
- Painter reported two pending change orders to Hicks Air and Banta Electric for work on the fiber hut.

Painter gave a report on the contingency fund and noted that gas service should be installed within the next two days.

## **RIDE RUSH**

Tina Logan, Ride Rush Director, presented the 4/1/19 through 6/30/19 quarterly INDOT report for approval of the commissioners. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the report. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

## **EMA**

EMA Director Chuck Kemker reported the county EMS providers held a meeting regarding the first year under the new county EMS structure. Anderson Township Fire Department and Raleigh Fire Department would like to have multi-year contracts with the county. Rushville City Fire Department is putting together their annual report to give to the commissioners. He has also applied for a new grant to pay for thermal and night vision goggles with helmets at the sheriff department.

## **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Sandy Fussner gave an update on happenings in and around Rush County.

## **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Julia Apple gave an update on permits being processed through the Health Department. She has looked at the 2020 budget amounts needed for cuts and they will be able to take care of them. Marge Amos retirement will be effective August 9. There will be a reception held for her in the assembly room from 10 until 2 on that day.

The health department has received and interviewed applicants for the Preparedness Grant Administrator. The Health Board would like to hire Chuck Kemker for this position. He is already on the boards that meet for this grant and has worked with Marge Amos in the past. This position would not interfere with his current position of EMA Director. The grant will pay him a salary of \$15,000 and move an estimated \$10,000 from his proposed 2020 county general budget to the grant budget. He will be able to do the grant work outside of his regular work hours. Apple pointed out that this is a good example of how two departments can work together. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the hiring of Chuck Kemker to do the grant work. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

## **HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Highway Department monthly report. He requested the commissioners sign an IC639 Acceptance of Federal Job completion on Bridge #138 in Homer. He is satisfied with the work. Bruce Levi made the motion to accept Bridge #138. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

Bridge #37 on 600 North will remain closed. The county does not have the funds to replace it at this time.

Carole Yeend ask if during the design phase of bridges is there anything included for future fiber lines. Sitton replied that the fiber is not heavy enough to cause any damage so they usually attach it to the side of the bridge. Ron Jarman asked if it is possible to run the conduit for the fiber under the bridge while the bridge is closed. This will save money and time in the

future should a broadband provider want to run lines. Sitton believes it could be included in future design plans. Jarman is asking for collaboration between the highway department, the county surveyor and the fiber board.

## **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Allan Rice gave his department update. On August 7, seven individuals within the department will receive the lifesaving award at the Sheriffs conference in Evansville.

Gordon Food Service will be providing food for inmates starting on September 1. Rice presented an intalere agreement to be signed by the commissioners to allow the purchase of the food. The food order needs to go in two weeks in advance. It is a one year agreement with a ninety day notice to terminate the agreement. Menus will be planned at a cost of \$1.00 per meal. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the agreement. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Rice continues to work with ECS and Motorola regarding the 800 MHz radios and consoles.

He asked permission to purchase a new vehicle from the public safety fund. The current explorer would go to the processor with the new Durango going to Chief Deputy Drake. \$16,000 was received for the vehicle that was totaled last month. That money will be applied to the purchase. Auditor Jodi Harr asked him to make sure there is enough budgeted for other expenses for the rest of the year prior to making this purchase. There will not be money for additional appropriations. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the purchase. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

The current part time courthouse security employee has put in his notice to retire the middle of September. Rice asked for permission to replace him. Wilkinson made the motion to allow the replacement of the courthouse security officer. Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Levi stated he has recently witnessed issues with golf carts on the roads. He would like this issue addressed soon. He believes it is a safety issue and the commissioners need to give the sheriff deputies guidance on how to handle them. He would like for Sheriff Rice to put some information together within the next month.

## **HEALTH INSURANCE**

The commissioners were asked to sign the forms accepting the County Employee Health Plan renewal effective August 1, 2019. There were no changes to the plan. Wilkinson made the motion to approve the plan documents. Levi seconded. Motion carried.

## **2020 SALARY RECOMMENDATION**

Auditor Jodi Harr requested the commissioners make their recommendation on employee 2020 salaries to the county council. The commissioners would like more time to review the proposals given by department heads. They will make their recommendation at the next commissioner meeting.

## **CENTRAL DISPATCH STUDY COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Bacon clarified that Ron Jarman is the IT advisory position on the committee. They will be meeting on August 15 at 7 p.m. in the EMA office.

The next scheduled regular meeting of the County Commissioners will be on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

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

/absent 8/19/19/  
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Paul Wilkinson/  
Paul Wilkinson

/Bruce Levi/  
Bruce Levi

ATTEST:

/Jodi Harr/  
Jodi Harr, Auditor