

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, September 16, 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 September 3, 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 September 16, 2019 in the amount of \$405,991.16. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

Payroll ending September 20, 2019 in the amount of \$188,086.88 was presented. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve payroll. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

Requisition #42 for Jail Construction claims to be paid from the jail bond proceeds in the amount of \$528,646.37 were presented for approval. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the claims. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

JAIL CONSTRUCTION

John Painter with CCI presented the following jail construction change orders for approval by the commissioners:

- 0910-002 to Blakey Construction for an additional \$50.00. Levi made the motion to approve. Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.
- 0960-002 to Bill Lawrence Company for an additional \$697.00. Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Levi seconded. Motion carried.
- 0930-005 to Circle B Construction for an additional \$7,163.55. Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Levi seconded. Motion carried.
- 1150-005 to Pauly Jail Building Co for an additional \$6,106.00. Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Levi seconded. Motion carried.
- 1520-007 to Greiner Brothers for an additional \$1,294.00. Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Levi seconded. Motion carried.
- 280/620-005 to J C Ripberger Construction for an additional \$5,009.00. Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Levi seconded. Motion carried.
- 0721-002 to Robert Haines Company for an additional \$1,413.75. Levi made the motion to approve. Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.
- 1600-010 to Banta Electric for an additional \$2,326.00. Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Levi seconded. Motion carried.

- 1650-002 to Stanley Convergent Security Solutions for an additional \$11,543.00.

Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Levi seconded. Motion carried.

These change orders were all at the request of the county. Painter does not yet have the contract extension for Jal-Mal.

RUSH COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Community Corrections Director Ashley Stevens was present to request permission to apply for a new grant through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. It is the Criminal Justice Department Addictions Response Grant in the amount of \$60,000 each year for two years. It will be used to identify individuals coming into the system that have a need for mental health and substance abuse programs. The application is due September 30. The funds will be given to the county up front. The Auditor will provide Stevens with the contact person for the Community Mental Health services who receives money from the county on an annual basis. There is no county match required and Stevens will be the grant administrator. Wilkinson made the motion to approve the grant application. Levi seconded. Motion carried.

EMA

EMA Director Chuck Kemker reported that February 19, 2020 through March 14, 2020 a survey exercise will be done by the Army 95th Civil Affairs Brigade. They will be doing an assessment of county security at local events. He request the commissioners sign a letter of permission for this to be done. His understanding is that there is no cost to the county. Levi made the motion to sign the letter. Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Sandy Fussner updated the commissioners on upcoming community events.

RUSH COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Alisa Winters provided an update on the community meetings being held around Rush County. They will be adding two additional meetings in Rushville. She noted each meeting has mentioned getting rid of the blighted properties within their communities and having more housing options. There are over 200 riders registered for the Willkie Five in Fifty bike ride.

HR

HR Director Tony Personnet requested permission to hire a part time person in the child support office. Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Levi seconded. Motion carried.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

APC Director Gregg Duke requested the commissioners approval of a rezone of property from Manufacturing (M)/Residential @/ and Rural Residential (A-1) to all Rural Residential (A-1). The property is located at 1146 and 1190 E 900 North which includes parcel numbers 70-03-16-300-004.000-002, 70-03-16-300-001.000-002, and 70-03-16-300-005.000-002 which is a newly created parcel. The APC gave a favorable recommendation at their September 11, 2019

meeting. Bacon ask why the property is being rezoned to residential rather than ag. Duke replied that there is an existing home on the property. Levi made the motion to approve. Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

Duke reported the review of the Wex ordinance is almost complete.

DLZ

County Attorney Leigh Morning presented a letter to DLZ for the signatures of the commissioners. The letter is regarding the commissioners being dissatisfied with issues that have arisen during the jail construction related to design issues. Wilkinson made the motion to sign the letter. Levi seconded. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Jerry Sitton reported that Offutt Covered Bridge has been reopened. He has received new weight restrictions for all of the county bridges. Twenty seven bridges will have to have new signage due to the federal weight limits changing. He will also need to take new maps to the fire departments to show them the changes. It will take three signs per bridge for the new limits. This will greatly increase his cost.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Allan Rice gave the department statistical update. The last new merit deputy started the law enforcement academy. He is working on getting staffing for courthouse security duty. All of the new vehicles are in. Fourteen hundred pounds of drugs have been destroyed this year. On September 28 Henry County motorcycle run of law enforcement officers will be traveling through our county bridges to support Henry County Victims Assistance. Rush County will be helping with traffic control. A forfeiture fund needs to be established. He will work with the county attorney and auditor. He will be using the same school resource contract with Hoosier Youth Academy that is being used with Rush County Schools.

ACT WORK READY COMMUNITY

Abigail Roszell with Rush County ECDC requested the commissioners maintain their status as a supporter of the ACT Work Ready Communities. Bruce Levi made the motion for Paul Wilkinson to be the point of contact. Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER

The August 31 Rush County Treasurers Report was received.

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