

**REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OCTOBER 28, 2019**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, October 28, 2019 with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson and Bruce Levi, Deputy Auditor Cathy Pratt and County Attorney Leigh Morning.

Commissioner Mark Bacon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge to the American Flag.

Minutes of the October 15, 2019 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Bruce Levi. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting held on October 29, 2019 were approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Bruce Levi. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS**

Deputy Auditor, Cathy Pratt presented the biweekly claims docket for October 29, 2019 in the amount of \$135,953.69. Mark Bacon asked if there were any questions. There were none. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Payroll ending November 1, 2019 in the amount of \$185,668.67 was presented. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve payroll. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

**JAIL CONSTRUCTION**

Payment Requisition # 45 in the amount of \$10,139.12 for jail construction claims was presented for approval. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve payment requisition #45 as presented. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

**EMA**

EMA Director Chuck Kemker presented a letter for the Commissioners to approve and sign. This letter is to the Mitigation Program Specialist Response and Recovery Division at the Indiana Department of Homeland Security indicating Rush County's interest in participating in IDHS's the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Competitive Grant for an update to our existing Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan. This is required in order to assure Rush County's eligibility for the Indiana Mitigation Program. Mr. Kemker indicated that we needed to get the process started. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to sign the letter as presented. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Sandy Fussner gave those in attendance an update on what is happening in and around Rush County.

## **HIGHWAY**

Jerry Sitton presented the right of way contract for Bridge #127 in the amount of \$28,100. He stated that the Federal Government will reimburse 80% back to us. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the contract. Bruce Levi Seconded the motion. Motion carried. The commissioners also thanked Mr. Sitton and his crews for cleaning up the trees yesterday.

## **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Allan Rice gave his department update and statistics. He reported the deputy on workman comp will be fully released by the end of December according to the doctors. They will be attending a fingerprinting class at the Rushville Police Department on October 30<sup>th</sup>. On November 6<sup>th</sup>, they will have their final range of the year. It will be a night shoot. The commissioners are invited to attend to get a feel of how they operate. On October 16, Brent Horton attended a leadership class. The Sheriff discussed the contract they are choosing with Quality Correctional Care for inmate care next year. The Sheriff also discussed an app he is looking into which the public can get information about the goings on with the RCSD. It would be available for use on smart phones and would provide a lot of information for the public.

Ron Jarman discussed a bid for furniture for the dispatch area at the new jail. This would be paid for with 911 funds. This bid is from a company here in Indiana, which would make getting replacement parts in the future easier. Also DLZ has used this company in the past. The bid was for approximately \$43,000. This included countertops, acoustic panels, desks, file cabinets, etc. Everything they would need for the dispatch area to be outfitted. Ron stated he was looking for direction from the Commissioners so there won't be delays when the furniture has to be purchased. Discussion was held and Paul asked if they had any more quotes. Ron stated he did not at this time. Paul stated that for that much money they would like to see a second and third quote before a decision is made. Bruce agreed with this statement. The Commissioners requested that Ron send them another quote and they would be willing to have a special meeting if necessary to get the decision approved.

## **MISC.**

- The Commissioners discussed the use of LED lightbulbs in the courthouse. A few have been replaced with them. Paul stated that Duke Energy had indicated that they could help with an energy plan to determine where the county could see reimbursement for the energy savings. Paul would like input from them before making the decision to change to the more expensive bulbs.

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