

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOVEMBER 21, 2019

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 21, 2019 with Commissioners Mark Bacon and Paul Wilkinson. Bruce Levi arrived at 9:25 a.m. Auditor Jodi Harr and County Attorney Leigh Morning were in attendance.

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

Minutes of the November 21, 2019 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on November 14, 2019 were approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Auditor, Jodi Harr presented the biweekly claims docket for November 21, 2019 in the amount of \$93,748.31. Mark Bacon asked if there were any questions. There were none. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Payroll ending November 29, 2019 in the amount of \$186,085.04 was presented. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve payroll. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

JAIL CONSTRUCTION

Payment Requisition # 47 in the amount of \$1,520.50 for jail construction claims was presented for approval. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve payment requisition #47 as presented. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

RIDE RUSH

Tina Logan presented a corrected third quarter INDOT report for the approval of the commissioners. The amount for reimbursement did not change. County Attorney Leigh Morning just received the corrected documents yesterday and did not have time to review them. The change was requested by INDOT. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the corrected report. Mark Bacon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Wilkinson requested once again that these reports be given to the County Attorney at least one week prior to the commissioners meeting for review.

EMA

EMA Director Chuck Kemker reported the communication issues that were realized during the last storm event have been reviewed and resolved. He has created a flier to be given

to residents immediately after an incident. It provides them with information on what to do next.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Sandy Fussner gave an update of upcoming events.

COURTHOUSE CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Marvin Rees requested permission for courthouse offices to close from Noon until 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 16 for a pitch in lunch. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Mark Bacon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Julia Apple presented the Community Assessment results. She also gave an update on the county website development. In a final matter, she presented the commissioners with a letter of resignation for Health Board member Tai Morrell.

RUSH COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Alyssa Winters invited everyone to take the community survey on their website. The results will be available by the end of December. The Community Foundation is hosting an open house on Giving Tuesday December 3 from Noon until 3:00 p.m.

HR

Tony Personett commented that some department heads are looking at changing job descriptions for some of their employees.

9:25 a.m. Commissioner Bruce Levi arrived.

JAIL CONSTRUCTION

Ron Jarman had the following contracts for approval by the commissioners:

- Licenses and equipment for wireless communications
 - Catalyst quote of \$9,995.00
 - CDS quote of \$11,916.68

Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the quote from Catalyst. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Switches for wireless communications:
 - Catalyst quote of \$23,859.00
 - CDW quote of \$34,918.92

Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the quote from Catalyst. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Washer and Dryer
 - Laundry One quote of \$29,983 and includes installation
 - Haige Machinery quote of \$31,000 does not include installation

Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the Laundry One quote. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

BROADBAND

Carole Yeend reported that the five year plan draft will be discussed in a meeting on December 16 at 1:30 p.m.

AREA PLAN

County Council APC representative Ralph Adams reported the APC voted unanimously to replace the current wind ordinance. Leigh Morning reported the commissioners have not received the certification from the planning commission. Adams commented that APC attorney Geoff Wesling checked the statute and said they could go ahead and approve it. Morning commented the APC Director is unavailable and the commissioners cannot approve it without the certification. Paul Wilkinson commented that after all of the work that has been done on this ordinance, he does not want to take the chance of a challenge based on a technicality.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Allan Rice is having issues with the issue for the postage machine at the jail. Auditor Jodi Harr will get him a copy of the courthouse contract.

He reported that he and his son were involved in a roll-over accident. Both are ok; however, he believes the police cruiser is totaled. The adjuster will be here on Friday.

Rice is looking at a phone application that will be available to the public. The application will hopefully eliminate some of the phone calls taken in dispatch. There is a start-up fee and annual fee for the county but it is free to the public. If we decide to do this, he would like to introduce it to the public at county fair time. It is estimated \$9,000.00 to develop the application and \$4,000.00 each year for maintenance. Julia Apple recommended he talk to Garry King to see if he can develop the same kind of application at a lessor cost.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested discussion on drive way entrances. Currently the county installs and pays for farm drive way entrances but not for residential drive way entrances. His recommendation is that the county no longer install farm entrances. He will go ahead and do the ones that he has already made a commitment to. Bruce Levi asked for public comment. No one present had any comments. Paul Wilkinson believes we need to be consistent with all types of land owners. He made the motion that county policy be to not install drive ways and field entrances for any property effective today. Bruce Levi seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

CGS CONTRACT

Currently the courthouse and jail trash pickup and recycling is being paid for from the Rush County Solid Waste District budget. District Director Carole Yeend brought the new contract to Auditor Jodi Harr and said the county will need to pay for it beginning in 2020 because she no longer has the funds in her budget to pay for it. The prices have tripled and her budget will not cover it. The new contract effective date is February 1, 2020 but CGS would like the signed contract by December 31, 2019. Yeend also said the CGS representative said that we should also count on additional thirty percent for tipping fees. The 2020 courthouse budget does not have anything budgeted for this. The commissioners have requested to speak with the solid waste board. They do not meet until the middle of January. The request is made for the solid waste board to have a special meeting at 8:00 a.m. on December 9.

HIGHWAY

Bids were opened at 10:00 a.m. for the Community Crossings Grant 2019-2 asphalt bids. The estimated project cost is \$1,261,242.00. The bids were as follows:

- Floyd Crim & Sons \$1,143,894.50
- EB Paving \$1,179,111.00
- Dave Omara \$1,137,611.20
- Globe Asphalt Paving \$1,266,177.00

Jerry Sitton’s recommendation is to accept the lowest bid. Bruce Levi made the motion to award the bid to Dave Omara in the amount of \$1,137,611.20. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Paul Wilkinson made the motion to adjourn. Motion was withdrawn due to a member of the public wanting to speak.

AREA PLAN

APC board member Tom Monka asked if the commissioners can act on the ordinance with anticipation of receiving the signed form from the APC Director. Morning stated no they cannot. The certification has to be given to the commissioners prior to them acting on it. And that has not been done. Once it is given to the commissioners, they have ninety days to act on it so there is no rush to act it on it today. Mark Bacon does not see the urgency. Once documentation is provided to the commissioners, they will review the requested changes.

Bruce Levi made the motion to adjourn. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

/Mark Bacon/
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Paul Wilkinson/
Paul Wilkinson

/Bruce Levi/
Bruce Levi

ATTEST:
/Jodi Harr/
Jodi Harr, Auditor