

**REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECEMBER 19, 2019**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Thursday, December 19, 2019 with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson and Bruce Levi. 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 December 9, 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 joint meeting with the Rush County Council held on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 were approved on a motion by Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Bruce Levi. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS**

Auditor, Jodi Harr presented the biweekly claims docket for December 19, 2019 in the amount of \$354,668.51. 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 December 27, 2019 in the amount of \$188,282.00 was presented. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve payroll. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

**JAIL CONSTRUCTION**

Payment Requisition # 49 in the amount of \$24,335.11 for jail construction claims was presented for approval. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve payment requisition #49 as presented. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

The following change orders were approved:

- 1600-012 to Banta Electric with no change in dollar amount to the contract. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.
- 1600-011 to Banta Electric results in a deduction of \$9,995.00. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.
- 1520-008 to Greiner Brothers with no change in dollar amount. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded.
- 280/620-007 to J. C. Ripberger in an additional \$146.00 to relocate doors. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the change order. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.
- 280/620-008 to J.C. Ripberger with a deduction of \$1,800.00 to change the color of the sally port door. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Construction Manager John Painter had the following comments:

- The estimated completion date of the jail is the first or second week of January with inspections to be held the end of January and turn over to the sheriff February 1, 2020.
- There is still problems with the roof contractor, Horning Construction. The commissioners wish to hold any future payments to the vendor until the issues are resolved. Painter will check to see if the warranty on the roof will be extended.
- He has received three quotes for the final cleaning of the facility. All were within the budgeted amount.

## **TREASURER**

The November 2019 Treasurers report was received and reviewed.

## **JUVENILE PROBATION**

Ashley Stevens presented the 2020 contract with Youth Opportunity Center in Muncie for juvenile detention stays. The amount of the contract is \$31,250 for two hundred fifty bed days. It is the same as last year. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve the contract. Bruce Levi seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **HR**

HR Director Tony Personett presented the job descriptions for part time cooks at the new jail. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve them. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Personett presented an amendment to the employee prescription drug program through TrueScripts. The change adds number 14 under Limits and Exclusions. It changes the way prescription rebate programs apply to deductible and copays. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

The commissioners made the appointments for 2020:

- Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission – Paul Wilkinson made the motion to retain Carole Yeend, John McCane and Paul Wilkinson. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- EMA Director – Bruce Levi made the motion to retain Chuck Kemker. Paul Wilkinson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Area Plan Commission – Bruce Levi made the motion to retain Tom Monka. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Wilkinson and Levi voted Aye. Mark Bacon voted No. Motion carried.
- E911 Board – Paul Wilkinson made the motion to retain Ron Jarman. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Health Board – Paul Wilkinson made the motion to retain Vicky Lindsey. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- RMH Board of Trustees – Bruce Levi made the motion to retain Marvin Cole. Motion died to a lack of a second. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to appoint Gerald Mohr. Mark Bacon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Highway Superintendent – Paul Wilkinson made the motion to retain Jerry Sitton. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney – Paul Wilkinson made the motion to retain Leigh Morning. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Public Defender Board – Paul Wilkinson made the motion to retain Jason Clemmons. Bruce Levi seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **HIGHWAY**

The contract approved on December 9, 2019 with INDOT for Bridge #127 was returned because the dates were not written in with the same ink as the signatures. Jerry Sitton requested the commissioners resign the contract.

## **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Allan Rice gave his department statistic and update. He is holding off on requesting approval of the proposed Sheriff AP to be used by the public.

## **COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE**

The QPH renewal for courthouse maintenance was received at 6:00 a.m. this morning. The commissioners tabled it until the next meeting to give them and county attorney Leigh Morning a chance to review it.

## **FIXED ASSET POLICY**

Paul Wilkinson made the motion to set the Fixed Asset threshold at \$10,000.00. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

## **2020 COMMISSIONER ORGANIZATION**

Paul Wilkinson made the motion to appoint Mark Bacon as the chairman for the commissioners effective 1-1-20. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Paul Wilkinson made the motion to appoint Bruce Levi as the co-chairman for the commissioners effective 1-1-20. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The commissioners were reminded of three areas of business that they have continued and/or tabled that still need to be reviewed:

- CGS recycling and trash pickup for the courthouse.
- Animal Control Ordinance
- Golf Cart Ordinance

Paul Wilkinson made the motion to adjourn. Bruce Levi 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