

**REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, February 18, 2020 with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson and Bruce Levi. Auditor Jodi Harr and County Attorney Leigh Morning were also 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 February 3, 2020 regular meeting 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 February 18, 2020 in the amount of \$213,295.43. This included a uniform claim allowance in the amount of \$661.10. Sheriff Allan Rice requested the claim be pulled until a written uniform allowance policy can be approved. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve all claims except the uniform allowance claim in the amount of \$661.10. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Payroll ending February 21, 2020 in the amount of \$194,010.30 was presented. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve payroll. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

**JAIL CONSTRUCTION**

Payment Requisition # 53 in the amount of \$1,944.93 from bond proceeds for jail construction claims was presented for approval. Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve payment requisition #53 as presented. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.

Jail claims in the amount of \$63,553.95 to be paid from fund 1114 LIT Special Purpose were presented for approval. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

The following jail construction change orders were presented:

- 0280/620-011 to J.C. Ripberger Construction for an additional \$2,001.00. After discussion on the changes to two doors, Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve this change order but for a new change order to be presented for a deduction for the change order on the door to the utility yard. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.
- 0510-003 to Geiger & Peters Inc. for a deduct of \$4,804.90. After discussion why there was extra steel, Paul Wilkinson made the motion to approve change order 0510-003. Bruce Levi seconded. Motion carried.
- 1500-002 to Greiner Brothers, Inc. for an additional \$7,089.00. After discussion Bruce Levi made the motion to approve change order 1500-002 to reroute the storm water lines in the alley. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

John Painter with CCI reported that a change order is in the process to return \$3,385.65 from the roof contractor to cover cost incurred due to their errors. The contractor has agreed. There

is still one leak in the roof that they are trying to identify. The inspection by the roof manufacturer is still in the process of being scheduled. The state jail inspector has been through the facility and is pleased.

### **TREASURER**

The January 2020 treasurer report was received.

### **EMA**

EMA Director Chuck Kemker reminded everyone that Storm Spotter training is February 18 and CPR/Stop the Bleed training is February 25.

### **IT**

Randy Herbert, IT Director, advised the camera/video system for the jail and the courts needs to be replaced. He and Jail Commander Chris Plough have talked to other counties. Their recommendation is a system from Lifesize with an estimated cost of \$11,996.00. Sheriff Rice believes the system will upgrade technology, save on manpower at the jail, and limit escape options. Commissioner Levi requested they get more information with exact dollar amounts and come back to the commissioners.

### **RUSH COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Kristi Amos and Gerald Mohr with the Rush County Community Foundation requested the commissioners sign a letter of support for a grant submission to seek funding for the development of a community center. This is not a matching grant. Mohr would like for the county commissioners and county council to place some type of funding in the 2021 county budget for this project. Wilkinson made the motion to sign the letter of support. Levi seconded. Motion carried.

### **JAIL**

Jail Matron Meghan Tate requested approval to purchase property storage containers in the amount of \$2,268.00. It will come from the jail budget. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the purchase. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Allan Rice gave his department update. The open house for the new jail will be Wednesday, February 26. Extensive training for jail employees will start after the open house. He is hoping the new Sheriff App for cell phones will also be ready for start-up February 26.

Sheriff Rice requested permission to apply for a COPS grant. It is a federal grant that will pay seventy five percent of salary and benefits for a new deputy for three years. Paul Wilkinson reiterated that if the grant goes away that position could go away also. Wilkinson then made the motion to approve application of the grant. Levi seconded. Motion carried.

## **MERIT BOARD**

Sheriff Rice reported that Merit Board member Butch Singleton has put in his notice of retirement from the board. He was an appointment made by the deputies. The deputies have appointed Joe Jarman to replace him.

## **200 N INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

County Attorney Leigh Morning presented an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Rushville and Rush County for County Road 200 North. She confirmed that this has nothing to do with the eminent domain case. Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton sees no issue as far as the county highway department is concerned. There is no expense to the county nor will we have anything to do with the project. City of Rushville will be responsible for the upkeep of the road. He said the City of Rushville will have to purchase right of way from the county at some point. Bruce Levi made the motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

## **COURTHOUSE RENOVATION**

Commissioner Wilkinson reported he is meeting with architecture design firm CSO tomorrow. Morning reminded the commissioners that they also need a construction manager.

Bruce Levi 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