

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 2, 2015 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon, Paul Wilkinson, Mary Ann Beard Auditor and Attorney Leigh Morning in attendance.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APC INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT**

Mayor Mike Pavey and Councilman Gerald Mohr appeared with minor changes to the APC Inter-local agreement. Commissioner Paul Wilkinson moved to accept the proposed changes. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes of the October 19th meeting were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **AUDITOR**

- Bi-weekly claims were approved with Paul Wilkinson offering the motion. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Mark Bacon moved to approve the payroll. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **HEALTH INSURANCE**

Auditor Mary Ann Beard presented the rate sheet and the stop loss policy with Great Midwest Insurance, which is part of the County's health insurance plan. Mark Bacon moved to approve the rate sheet with Paul Wilkinson offering a second to the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Bacon then moved to approve the stop loss policy. Commissioner Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **VACATED ALLEY**

Notice has been received that the Rushville Common Council will be conducting a hearing on the County's request to vacate two alleys in preparation for the construction of a new jail. The meeting will be held at the City Council Chambers on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m.

### **2016 CALENDAR**

Auditor Beard presented the Calendar for 2016. The calendar list dates for the Commissioner & Council meetings, deadline to submit claims for payment and the holiday schedule for next year. Paul Wilkinson moved to approve the calendar. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **EMS RUNS**

The following EMS monthly ambulance reports were filed; Rush Memorial Hospital, Carthage Fire Department and Raleigh Volunteer Fire Department.

## **BICENTENIAL FLAG**

Mary Ann Beard presented a Bicentennial Flag given to each Auditor in the State as a gift of the Association of Indiana Counties to celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of the State of Indiana. Counties are asked to raise the flag at noon on December 11<sup>th</sup> and sign a proclamation dedicated to honor of the year of celebration for our State. Paul Wilkinson moved that Rush County participate in the Bicentennial of the State of Indiana. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **ARCHEOLOGICAL FIND**

Duke Energy uncovered archeological artifacts on property owned by Rush County. Paul Wilkinson stated that they should be made available to the schools and the Rush County Museum and then offered to the State Museum. The artifacts were given to Surveyor Marvin Rees for safe keeping.

## **EMA**

Chuck Kemker informed the board of an award letter for a grant in the amount of \$29,452 to provide new cameras and to update the current security cameras in the courthouse. This is a reimbursable grant so the project must be funded up front. Mark Bacon moved to sign the letter pending funds approval by the Auditor. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **TIRE COLLECTION**

Clean Green Rush director Carole Yeend stated that she had secured three semi-trucks for the collection of tires on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers of truck haulers are needed for this free county service.

## **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Director Sandy Fussner stated that the downtown business district is preparing for "Christmas on Main". Plans for a Bicentennial Relay are being planned on September 24, 2016.

## **Agenda 21**

John Saxon resident took to the podium to criticize those in power of attempts to implement UN Agenda 21. Saxon's accusations of the negative impact of local development were challenged by Commissioner Wilkinson. When Wilkinson asked for valid examples Saxon listed; Rails to Trails, City-County Planning, Governor Pence's regional plan and county wide building codes. Paul Wilkinson responded that regional economic development brings business to Rush County and that the new APC plan breaks down the codes which affect the

governing of county property with building and zoning codes related to rural Rush County and not is constrained by a county wide building code. The implementation of Rails to Trails has been derailed since many adjoining property owners have received deeds which gives ownership of the abandoned railroad back to the taxpayer.

**JAIL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

Progress continues in preparation of the construction of a new jail. The underground tank has been removed. A request to vacate the necessary alleys will be heard by the City Council on November 17<sup>th</sup> although the owner of the Shell Gas Station has expressed concerns about the maneuvering of tankers with the loss of the alley. Also the Pavey Building would be land locked if the adjoining alley was closed and the purchase of this building is still being negotiated. Duke Energy has estimated a November date for the relocation of power lines. Commissioner Levi has concerns of the location of the proposed jail noting that the new building must be expandable.

Commissioner Bacon inquired if a construction manager should be hired at this point. The Auditor was instructed to invite the three companies, Maxwell, CCI and Garmong that have shown interest in serving as a project manager to a meeting on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00a.m.

Paul Wilkinson moved to adjourn. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

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Bruce Levi, Chairman

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Mark Bacon

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Paul Wilkinson

ATTEST:

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Mary Ann Beard, Auditor