

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECEMBER 31, 2012

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, December 31, 2012 with Commissioners, Tom Barnes, Marvin Cole, Ken Masters, Deborah Adams, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Tom Barnes called the meeting to order. Marvin Cole made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 17, 2012 meeting as presented. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMA

Chuck Kemker, EMA Director, presented two grant agreements for approval of the commissioners.

The first one was the EMA salary reimbursement grant. Rush County was originally granted \$2,563.43 and it has been increased to \$6,260.63. The new agreement is for the difference in the two figures. Commissioner Cole made the motion to sign the agreement. Commissioner Masters seconded. Motion carried.

The second grant agreement is the Competitive Grant for the Courthouse ID System in the amount of \$4,054.00. Commissioner Cole made the motion to sign the agreement and Commissioner Masters seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barnes instructed Kemker to lower the emergency travel level to white immediately following the meeting. Kemker thanked the highway and sheriff departments for their outstanding work during the recent snow storms.

Commissioner Barnes also thanked Kemker for the work he has done over the last year.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood reported thirty-eight (38) inmates incarcerated in the Rush County jail. Three (3) are sentenced. Ten (10) are female.

Sherwood informed the commissioners that he will be submitting overtime for the deputies work during the recent snow storms. The work on the jail has also been delayed due to the weather.

Commissioner Masters asked if the issue with Proliance has been addressed. County Attorney, Leigh Morning, has taken care of it.

Commissioner Barnes thanked Sherwood for a job well done during his term in office.

HIGHWAY BIDS

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Sitton, provided the commissioners with additional information regarding the St. Regis Bid for Aluminum Type II Pipe. The information was in the bid but in a different format than in the past. St. Regis was the lowest bid. Upon recommendation from Sitton, Commissioner Masters made the motion to accept the bid from St. Regis for Aluminum Type II Pipe. Commissioner Cole seconded. Motion carried.

Sitton also notified the commissioners that he would also have overtime due to snow storms.

Commissioner Barnes also thanked Sitton for the work he does and has done at the highway department.

AUDITOR

Auditor Deborah Adams received approval of payroll ending January 4, 2013 on a motion by Marvin Cole. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bi-weekly claims presented December 21, 2012 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Cole. Commissioner Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adams told the commissioners the new chart of accounts has been entered and is ready to go with the exception of a few changes. W2's are being printed today. There is some balancing that has to be done so she could not promise they would go out with the first payroll in 2013. She also stated that she and incoming Auditor Mary Ann Beard had met and gone over some transition work. The current staff is remaining in the office.

Adams informed the commissioners the county has received the 1782 notice for the 2013 budget from the DLGF on December 20. She sent additional information to the DLGF requesting reinstatement of the Reassessment Budget and that has been approved. We are now waiting on the final budget order.

Commissioner Barnes thanked Deborah for her work in the auditor's office.

ATTORNEY

County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the 2013 Emergency Ambulance contracts. The contract for Anderson Twp EMS is in the amount of \$33,600 for 2013. Carthage EMS contract is \$35,000.00 and Raleigh EMS is \$48,000. The only other change was the deletion of code required on the monthly report. Commissioner Masters made the motion to approve the contracts. Commissioner Cole seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barnes thanked Leigh for her legal assistance and advice.

MISC

- A surety bond in the amount of \$300,000 for incoming Treasurer Cindra Humphrey was approved on a motion by Commissioner Masters and seconded by Commissioner Cole. Motion carried.
- Lisa Carpenter of CGS told Commissioner Barnes and Commissioner Cole it has been a pleasure working with them and Carole Yeend.
- Barnes noted that maintenance on the courthouse is an ongoing process but he believes the building is in much better shape than it was eight years ago when he took office.
- Commissioner Masters stated that it has been a pleasure working with Commissioner Barnes and Commissioner Cole.

Motion to adjourn was received from Ken Masters. Tom Barnes seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Tom Barnes , Commissioner _____
Marvin L. Cole, Commissioner /s/Ken Masters
Ken Masters, Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor