

**REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JANUARY 28, 2013**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, January 28, 2013 with Commissioners, Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon, Ken Masters, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 14, 2013 as presented. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**EMA**

Chuck Kemker, EMA Director distributed Emergency Travel Alert magnets that describe travel warnings designated by color codes. Kemker reported that the amateur (ham) radio drills were performed with successful communications with Fayette and Union counties but the attempt with the third party failed. February 7<sup>th</sup> has been declared the “Great Shake Out”; the day for national preparedness in the event of an earthquake.

**BOARD OF FINANCE**

Ken Masters moved to suspend the business of the Commissioners meeting to open the board of finance meeting. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried. The following minutes were approved as presented by the secretary, Cindy Humphrey on a motion by Ken Masters and seconded by Mark Bacon. Motion approved.

A copy of the Statement of Investment was signed on a motion by Commissioner Bacon and seconded by Commissioner Masters. A motion to adjourn the Board of Finance and reconvene the Commissioner meeting was conveyed by Ken Masters and approved by Mark Bacon.

**RIDE RUSH**

Wanda Henderson representing Ride Rush the county public transportation system appeared to request approval of the Department of Transportation Contract Invoice Voucher. Mark Bacon made the motion to sign the voucher for submittal Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Health Department secretary Terri Nigh presented the Commissioners with the State Department of Health roster. It is the Health Board’s desire to reappoint Dr. Russell Daugherty for one year. Ken Masters initiated that motion with Mark Bacon offering the second. Motion Carried. Bruce Levi was then named to replace Tom Barnes for the remainder of his term ending December 31, 2014 on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Ken Masters.

## **ECDC**

Terry Jobe representing ECDC announced that John Mc Cane has been named the new director of the ECDC and will be assuming that position between February 15<sup>th</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested signatures on bridge form IC 639 for contract #32317 on bridge #143. Ken Masters moved to sign the document. Mark Bacon seconded the motion and the motion carried. Sitton explained that during the periods of heavy rains that flood levels are monitored along the Flatrock River.

Sitton also stated that he had been contacted by Nordex regarding use of roads in the event of a wind farm project. Sitton confirmed that reimbursement for paving, replacement of bridges, culverts, etc. will all be incorporated in any agreement that is reached.

## **SHERIFF**

The sheriff's inmate report showed that the jail population was 41. The boiler replacement estimate for the jail garage and catwalk is \$9,850. The sheriff requested more time for comparison quotes and to weigh the options of electric heat. Mr. Robert Monger asked the sheriff what was the position on enforcing the new gun laws. Sheriff Sherwood responded that he had not heard a directive from the Indiana Sheriff's Association.

## **APC**

APC director, Kate Meyer, reported that the new flood maps have arrived. The county has 90 days to appeal. Meyer stated that approximately 125 parcels have been added to the flood plain in Washington Township. John Saxon retorted that this act is simply confiscation of private property by the federal government and that local officials must take the first step to get it corrected.

ADA training is scheduled for the Sheriff's Department for this month and the Courthouse for next month.

## **ATTORNEY**

Attorney Leigh Moring explained to the Commissioners that the previous auditor had engaged Sidwell, our GIS vendor to develop a wind farm layer for installation on our mapping system. The service was billed, approved, and paid but the mapping deputy could find no contract that initiated the process. Upon request, Sidwell presented a contract for services but Ken Master moved to deny signing the contract and requested a refund of the payment be returned by Sidwell. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **AUDITOR**

Mary Ann Beard Auditor, received approval to pay the by-weekly claims on a motion by Ken Masters and a second by Mark Bacon. Motion carried.

Mark Bacon moved to approve the payroll ending February 1<sup>st</sup>. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MISC**

- A surety bond for Health Department secretary, Terri Nigh was signed on a motion by Ken Masters and seconded by Mark Bacon.
- Appointment of the Veteran Service Office, Steve Land was signed. Motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Ken Masters.
- The AIC Legislative Conference will be held February 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton downtown for those who would like to register.
- Healthy Bucks our county health initiative, is being revamped with the assistance of RMH and APEX.

Motion to adjourn was received from Mark Bacon. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/ Bruce Levi  
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon  
Mark Bacon

/s/ Ken Masters  
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard  
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor