

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, March 25, 2013 with Commissioners, Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon, Ken Masters, Jodi Harr, Deputy 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 March 11, 2013. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Terri Nigh requested the Commissioners sign a letter supporting the health department becoming accredited. This will help to allow our county health department to stay local. Ken Masters made the motion to sign the letter of support. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

EMA

Chuck Kemker reported the earthquake drill at the courthouse revealed some deficiencies in fire extinguishers. Kemker provided three (3) quotes for additional extinguishers. Based on Kemker's recommendation, Ken Masters made the motion to purchase from Koorsen three (3) five (5) lb ABC extinguishers at \$55.00 each and one (1) five (5) lb used Halotron for \$100. These will be paid out of the courthouse budget. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

Kemker also presented the 2012 Emergency Management Performance Grant which is salary reimbursement. Based on the assessment ending June 30, 2011 the county will be reimbursed 30% of Kemker's salary for 2012 which is \$3802.98. Mark Bacon made a motion to sign the agreement. Ken Masters seconded. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT

Judge David Northam requested permission for the Community Corrections Board to hire a full time Director. The salary, benefits and all expenses will be paid from a Department of Correction Grant. He answered questions about the program. Ken Masters made the motion to allow the new hire at a salary of \$45,000 per year. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried.

RALEIGH FIRE DEPT

Verlin Custer offered to donate to the county a minimum of 9 CP200 Motorola Portables to be used by CERT or Dept. of Homeland Security. The radios will be required to be reprogrammed and a letter of authority issued for each frequency installed. Custer provided a quote on the costs of the reprogramming. EMA Director, Chuck Kemker, agreed to the donation and stated there is money in the EMA budget to cover the expense of reprogramming the radios. Mark Bacon made the motion to accept the donation of the radios from Raleigh Fire Department. Ken Masters seconded. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton had nothing to report.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

Jerry Sitton reported a meeting will be held with the insurance committee on Wednesday, April 3 at 10 a.m. for the six (6) month review.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood presented his report which reflected an increased inmate population of 42 of which none are sentenced.

MENTAL HEALTH OFFICE

County Attorney Leigh Morning stated she did not find any code that says the county must provide a mental health office.

COMMISSIONERS

A second quote to paint the water-damaged area between the second and third floors was received from Chuck Sallee. His quote was for labor only. After discussion Mark Bacon made the motion to accept the prior bid submitted by Gilliam Janitorial. Ken Masters seconded. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- EMS report was received from Anderson Twp Fire Dept.
- Treasurer's Monthly Report was submitted.
- "Ride Rush" TAC meeting will be Thursday, March 28, 2013 at 2 p.m.
- Notice of a Tort Claim was received regarding Duke Energy.
- Claims were approved on a motion by Ken Masters and seconded by Mark Bacon.
- Payroll was approved with Mark Bacon making the motion and Ken Masters offering the second.

Motion to adjourn was offered by Ken Masters and Mark Bacon seconding the motion.

/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

