

**REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 9, 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.

**IT DIRECTOR**

IT director Randy Herbert presented quotes for new audio equipment for \$4,862 in the Circuit and \$3,200 in the Superior Courtrooms. Mark Bacon moved to table the request until the next meeting. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Changes in the Clerk's Odyssey software will require that documents will be scanned and saved to a server. The cost of a new server would be \$5,000 and there will also be a need for desk top scanners.

**TREASURER-BOARD OF FINANCE**

The meeting was recessed to hold the Board of Finance meeting with the County Treasurer on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Paul Wilkinson. Mark Bacon moved to sign the Investment Policy with Paul Wilkinson offering a second. The minutes of the Board of Finance meeting were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. After the meeting, Mark Bacon moved to reconvene with Commissioner's business and Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Mrs. Humphrey presented the monthly financial statement and gave a strong warning that the January General Fund expenditures far outpaced the revenue.

**PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Bryan Barrett Public Defender returned to the Commissioners to once again request the Public Defender office be painted. Barrett suggested that inmates or community correction participants provide the labor. Mark Bacon moved to approve. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion.

**EXTENSION OFFICE**

Kristi Amos offered a thank you to EMA director Chuck Kemker for allowing the use of his office and his assistance with recent seminars.

**RIDE RUSH**

Wanda Henderson representing Ride Rush requested a signature on the contract invoice for the fourth quarter reporting. Auditor Mary Ann requested that the Commissioners sign two copies for the fact that no copies of signed vouchers have been received for 2014.

## **VICTIMS ASSISTANCE**

Deana Victorio, Dennis Simmons, and Rita Emsweller were present to share information about Rush County Victims Assistance. Phoenix House provides a safe shelter to victims of domestic violence. The majority of funding is provided by the Criminal Justice Institute and private donations. They asked that we share the information on services provided and consider a donation in the county budget.

## **ROAD CLOSED**

Dana Fussner representing the ZETA TAU sorority requested permission to close County Road 125 W on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> for their annual 5K run, walk event. Mark Bacon moved to approve. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton reported that the balances in the Highway and Cumulative Bridge funds remain high at this time. The majority of the funds will be used for summer construction.

## **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Jim Cowan reported the inmate count at 34. Cowan stated that the video teleconferencing has been moved to the law library. The state required PSAP certification was signed on a motion by Mark Bacon. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent, requested the Commissioners to enter into a lease purchase agreement with Public –Finance.com to purchase six Freightliner tandem axle dump trucks with snow plows and sanders. The lease amount is \$849,040 at 2.9% interest for 7 years. Paul Wilkinson moved to allow Commissioner Levi the authority to sign the Lease –Purchase documents required to execute the finance agreement. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **COURTHOUSE ROOF**

Blair Walls of Wellman Brothers signed a contract for roof repair in the amount of \$20,921. There was some confusion as Walls stated that the contract should have been \$26,721. Commissioner Levi shared that the issue has been resolved and that he would like to contract Wellman Brothers for a semi-annual inspection of the roof.

## **AUDITOR**

- The Auditor's Office has received a request from Everpower (a wind farm company) for a data extraction of the county's GIS records. Conversation ensued regarding the cost of the data dump for there is no charge at the present time.
- EMS reports were reviewed for Anderson Township, Raleigh and Carthage.

- A used conference table has been purchased for the Assembly Room from Rosa's Office Supply at a cost of \$300 plus delivery.

**ATTORNEY**

The fencing dispute by property owners continue in Anderson Township. The issue has been turned over to township trustee Karen Jenkins. Attorney Leigh Morning will send the trustee a letter.

Mark Bacon moved to approve claims as presented. Paul Wilkinson seconded the motion. Commissioner Bacon also moved to pay the payroll claims with Commissioner Wilkinson offering a second to the motion.

/s/ Bruce Levi  
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon  
Mark Bacon

/s/ Paul Wilkinson  
Paul Wilkinson

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard  
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor