

## **REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS January 17, 2023**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, January 17, 2023, with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Ron Jarman and Kenny Aulbach present. Auditor Tammy Justice was also present. County Attorney Leigh Morning arrived at 9:30 am.

Mark Bacon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge to the American Flag.

### **MINUTES**

- Minutes of the Regular Session held on January 3, 2023, were presented. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve the minutes. Kenny Aulbach seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **CLAIMS**

- Accounts Payable claims for January 17, 2023, in the amount of \$762,976.15 and an added claim in the amount of \$1,797.70 were presented. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the claims. Kenny Aulbach seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **PAYROLL**

- Payroll for January 20, 2023, in the amount of \$225,753.58, was presented. Ron Jarman moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **HR**

- HR Director Tony Personett asked the Commissioners permission to post for a full-time jailer position. Ron Jarman made a motion to post for the full-time jailer position. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- HR Director Tony Personett advised the Commissioners the 2023 Wellness Clinic will be held on March 15, 2023 from 7:00 am to 10:00 am on the first floor of the Courthouse and in the Assembly Room.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

- Dixie Meyer advised the Commissioners of a Commission formed by Indiana Governor on Public Health Funding. Rush County could potentially receive an additional \$500,000 in funding for 2024. The state presented two options of which the Commissioners will have to vote to either opt in or out of the proposals. If the County opts in, there will be certain reports and requirements that will need to be done. She will update as more information becomes available.

## EMA

- EMA Director Chuck Kemker advised the Commissioners that he is starting to prepare for the total solar eclipse in April 2024. Indiana is in the core of the eclipse.

## HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton asked the Commissioners permission to advertise for a full-time driver in his department. Kenny Aulbach made the motion to advertise for the driver position. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice requested approval to apply for the Rush Shelby Operation Round Up Grant in the amount of \$7,400.00. This is an advance grant with no County match. The purpose of the grant is to obtain the necessary funding to purchase a Bosch CDR Pro Tool Kit with Software. The device is utilized to extract the data from the black box located in vehicles to assist in fatal accidents. Ron Jarman moved to sign the Rush Shelby Operation Round Up Grant Proposal. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners the owner of the Moscow property had been arrested for trespassing on the property. Sheriff Rice asked for clarification on the direction the Commissioners wanted to go on tearing down the property. Discussion was held as to where the funds could come from for the tear down costs. Sheriff Rice advised he would have to provide security during the tear down process. Ron Jarman made a motion to get proposals to tear down the location in Moscow with the address of 8970 S. Walnut Street, Milroy Indiana. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice asked the Commissioners to clarify who the new IT Assistant position will report to and who will be responsible for their payroll claim. Ron Jarman made a motion that the IT Assistant will report directly to Director Randy Herbert under the direction of the County Commissioners. Director Randy Herbert will also be responsible for filling out the payroll claim. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested a signature on a request for transfer of funds in the Cum Cap fund. This transfer will be for \$1,500.00 from the 1138.140000.00000.0000 Equipment line to 1138.10052.00000.0000 IT Salary line to accommodate the 2% raise the County Council awarded. Ron Jarman made a motion to sign the transfer request. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval of the 2023 proposed agreement for FSG which is the County's financial advisor. Discussion was held regarding the amount of the agreement increasing by \$3,000.00 over the 2022 agreement. Ron Jarman motioned to approve the 2023 agreement at \$23,000.00 as long as the funds are available within the budget. For 2024 the agreement needs to be presented by FSG before our budget process.

Motion was seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried and agreement signed.

- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with an Ordinance adopting a Capital Improvement Plan for Rush County for 2023. Discussion was held regarding where the \$40,000.00 to the Rush County Community Foundation would go in the future now that the Community Center funds have been fulfilled. Ron Jarman moved to approve the 2023 Capital Improvement Plan. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### MISC

- David Willkie updated the Commissioners on the 5 in 50 bike ride that took place this past summer. Funds in the amount of \$1,500.00 were presented to the United Fund for the covered bridge preservation. Willkie also asked permission to hold the 2023 5 in 50 bike ride in Rush County. Ron Jarman made a motion to allow Willkie to hold the 2023 bike ride. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- CCD 009 was presented to the Commissioners for the courthouse roof. This change order is for selective tuck pointing and will increase the total by \$1,536.00. Ron Jarman moved to sign CCD 009 for the courthouse roof. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Commissioners with an engagement letter from Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors regarding the proposed Hoosier Solar Project. Ron Jarman moved to approve and sign the engagement letter. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman agreed to get the IT requirements to HR Director Tony Personnett so the IT Assistant position could be posted.

### HIGHWAY BIDS

- At 10:00 am, bids were opened for the replacement of Bridge 17. Hoosier Pride Excavating submitted a bid for \$512,774.10. Force Construction submitted a bid for \$843,953.68 and Sunesis Construction Company submitted a bid for \$725,629.80. Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised the engineers estimate was for \$616,186.00. Superintendent Jerry Sitton asked the Commissioners to accept the bid of \$512,774.10 placed by Hoosier Pride Excavating. Ron Jarman moved to accept the Hoosier Pride Excavating bid of \$512,774.10. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ron Jarman made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

/Mark Bacon/  
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Kenny Aulbach/  
Kenny Aulbach

/Ron Jarman/  
Ron Jarman

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/  
Tammy Justice, Auditor