

## **REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS February 13, 2023**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 13, 2023, with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Ron Jarman and Kenny Aulbach present. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Leigh Morning were not present.

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 30, 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 February 13, 2023, in the amount of \$521,857.07 were presented. This included an invoice from the Recorder for a space heater in the amount of \$27.99 to be paid out of the Recorder Records fund 1189. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the claims minus the \$27.99 for the space heater. Kenny Aulbach seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **PAYROLL**

- Payroll for February 17, 2023, in the amount of \$217,813.28 was presented. This included overtime for the Sheriff's Department for period 01.07.2023 thru 01.20.2023. Ron Jarman stated his daughter is now working at the jail and asked how to proceed with approving payroll. Treasurer Jodi Harr recommended him abstaining from voting until legal advice was obtained. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **HR**

- HR Director Tony Personett advised the Commissioners there is an employee at the jail who needed to take an emergency leave of absence. This employee will be gone for two weeks with no PTO time to cover the leave, so unpaid time will be used.
- Director Tony Personett updated the Commissioners on the meeting with FSG on the possibility of increasing employee wages. FSG is making sure it is affordable and sustainable for the county, before moving forward. Personett also stated the County Council had discussed the possibility of raises being based on performance instead of across the board raises. Commissioner Ron Jarman suggested getting in contact with Waggoner Irwin and Scheele on conducting a wage study and also utilizing the AIC wage book.
- HR Director Tony Personett asked for instruction from the Commissioners on the applicants for the maintenance position. The Commissioners instructed Director Personett to send out rejection letters to all applicants.

At 9:11 am the regular Commissioner meeting was recessed.

### **BOARD OF FINANCE**

- Mark Bacon opened the Board of Finance meeting at 9:11 am.
- Treasurer Jodi Harr presented the minutes of the Board of Finance meeting held on January 30, 2023. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve the minutes. Kenny Aulbach seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the Board of Finance meeting was made by Ron Jarman. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mark Bacon reconvened the regular Commissioner meeting at 9:15 am.

### **2023 CALENDAR**

- The 2023 Rush County Calendar currently has May 2, 2023 listed as a Holiday. It is the County's Policy that if there are no national, state or local elections, or if there is no election in Rush County jurisdictions, employees will be required to work their regular schedule. Ron Jarman motioned to make May 2, 2023 a work day instead of a county holiday. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **HIGHWAY**

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with the Highway Annual Report for approval. Ron Jarman moved to approve the annual report. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton also presented the Commissioners with the January month end report for the Highway Department.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton informed the Commissioners Bridge 94 was scheduled to be letted, but the bid came in over the engineer's recommendation. Discussion was held regarding future preservation of the covered bridge, possibly making the bridge into a walking or bike trail. Ron Jarman made a motion to recommend looking at ways to preserve the covered bridge and installing a run around the bridge for vehicles and farm equipment to use. Commissioner Jarman would like to look at making parking at the covered bridge and having a possible boat launch at the site. Kenny Aulbach seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Superintendent Jerry Sitton said he would check into applying for 2029 federal funds for this project.

## MISC

- Ashely Stevens on behalf of the Local Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (JRAC) came before the Commissioners to formerly request approval for the authority of the opioid settlement funds to be given to the local JRAC. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the opioid settlement funds to go to the Local Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (JRAC). Kenny Aulbach seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Matron Megan Tate updated the Commissioners regarding ongoing maintenance issues at the jail.
- Jonna McIntire-Johnson updated the Commissioners regarding the invoices and funds received not matching for the storm damage on the jail roof.
- Interlocal Agreement by and Between City of Rushville and County of Rush for transfer of 911 funds in the amount of \$136,968.00 was presented to the Commissioners for their approval. Ron Jarman moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Rushville and Rush County. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Professional Service Agreement for Schneider Geospatial LLC was presented to the Commissioners. This agreement in the amount of \$3,528.00 is for the Beacon database configuration and connection with the LOW Tax Data System. Kenny Aulbach motioned to approve and sign the Professional Service Agreement with Schneider Geospatial LLC. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Agreement for the Accelerate Rural Indiana Regional Development Authority was presented to the Commissioners. The County Council adopted the RDA at their February meeting and needs Commissioner approval. Ron Jarman moved to approve and sign the ordinance establishing the Regional Development Authority. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Reminder to the Commissioners that on August 7, 2023 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm a Commissioner must be present for the Ride Rush Review.
- Discussion was held regarding the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor restrooms and the constant repairs to the plumbing. Currently the women's restroom is closed pending repairs by QPH. Commissioners would like to look into finding an architect who could redo the restrooms yet encompass the remodel of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor plans as well. Commissioner Bacon will talk to ARSEE Engineers.
- Treasurer Jodi Harr informed the Commissioners of recent fraudulent activity involving a check issued by Rush County Treasurer for \$6,800.00. First Financial has reissued the funds back to Rush County and has sent it on to their fraud department.

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