

## **REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS January 30, 2023**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, January 30, 2023, with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Ron Jarman and Kenny Aulbach present. Auditor Tammy Justice was also present. County Attorney Leigh Morning was 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 17, 2023, were presented. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve the minutes. Kenny Aulbach seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Minutes of the Special Session held on January 26, 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 30, 2023, in the amount of \$140,537.81 were presented. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the claims. Kenny Aulbach seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **PAYROLL**

- Payroll for February 3, 2023, in the amount of \$209,318.65, was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC DEFENDER**

- Public Defender Bryan Barrett requested approval from the Commissioners to apply for the 2023 Title IV-E Funding Grant. This is a reimbursable grant with no county match. The purpose of the grant is for reimbursement of a portion of the county's public defense expenses in Child in Need of Services (CHINS) and Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) cases. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve applying for the 2023 Title IV-E Funding Grant. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **HR**

- HR Director Tony Personett presented the Commissioners with the COVID-19 cost share waiver end date extended through April 10, 2023. Ron Jarman made the motion to accept and extend the waiver date through April 10, 2023. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Tony Personett advised the Commissioners that Chris Plough had been hired to fill the IT Assistant position that is available. Ron Jarman made a motion to accept Chris Plough as the new IT Assistant with a start date of February 18, 2023. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

At 9:15 am the regular Commissioner meeting was recessed.

### **BOARD OF FINANCE**

- Mark Bacon called the Annual Board of Finance meeting to order at 9:15 am. First order of business was to elect the 2023 officers. Motion was made by Ron Jarman to appoint Mark Bacon as president of the Board of Finance. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. Mark Bacon accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Kenny Aulbach made a motion to appoint Treasurer Jodi Harr as Secretary of the Board of Finance. Seconded by Ron Jarman. Jodi Harr accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Treasurer Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners that interest rates on investments had come up at the end of 2022. In 2021 the County had earned \$15,517.00 in interest on investments. In 2022 that had increased to \$312,535.00.
- Treasurer Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners of the balances in all the County's bank accounts.

Motion to adjourn the annual 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 9:21 am.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

- Dixie Meyer advised the Commissioners the part time position within the Health Department had been filled. She also updated the Commissioners that Dan Burklow's training was complete and he had been working on food inspections.

### **SHERIFF**

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners he had received the invoice for the breaker and wire replacement in the 911 Center. Sheriff Rice asked for the Commissioners recommendation as to where to take the funds from to pay the \$5,400.00 invoice. Ron Jarman motioned to pay the invoice out of the LIT Special Purpose Fund using the Capital Outlay line. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **MISC**

- Sande Land from the Senior Center presented the Commissioners with their expenditures for the fourth quarter of 2022 along with their quarterly claim. Ron Jarman moved to approve the Senior Centers quarterly claim. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sande Land requested approval from the Commissioners for Third party Lease and Service Agreement for Capital Equipment. Ron Jarman moved to sign the Third-party Lease and Service Agreement. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sande Land advised the Commissioners the Center has one vehicle that has over 224,000 miles and has broken down twice in the previous week. The Center should be getting a replacement vehicle sometime in 2023.

- Motion to appoint Mark Bacon to the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission for the 2023 calendar year was made by Ron Jarman. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman made a motion to appoint John McCane and Carol Yeend to the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission for the 2023 calendar year. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with the request for proposals to tear down 8970 S. Walnut, Milroy for advertisement. The advertisement will be published twice at least 1 week apart. All proposals are due to the Rush County Board of Commissioners no later than February 27, 2023 at 9:30 am.
- Treasurer Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners the new tax software has been installed in the Treasurer and Auditor's offices and training is being done.
- Discussion was held regarding housing of federal prisoners within the county jail.
- Surveyor Marvin Rees asked the Commissioners if the other doors to the courthouse could be used as exits. The Commissioners instructed him that employees and patrons should use the west doors to enter and exit the courthouse. All other doors were for emergency use only.
- Discussion was held regarding the trees along the walk way at the front of the courthouse. Ron Jarman made a motion recommending the removal of all the trees along the walkway. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman advised the Commissioners that CMR is working on closing out the work orders for the courthouse roof project. Commissioner Jarman stated CMR offered to deduct \$900.00 from the final order for fixing the landscaping. Commissioner Jarman requested an additional \$600.00 for a total of \$1,500.00 for landscaping purposes. CMR agreed and will deduct that from the final order.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman updated the Commissioners on the Hunt Road culvert, stating the culvert should be installed by end of February then when weather warms they will black top.

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:

/Heather Carlton/  
Heather Carlton, Auditor Assistant