

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS February 27, 2023

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 27, 2023, with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Ron Jarman and Kenny Aulbach present. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Leigh Morning were also 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 February 13, 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 27, 2023, in the amount of \$238,191.92 were presented. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the claims. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Accounts Payable claim for February 28, 2023, in the amount of \$164,537.26 were presented for the Courthouse Roof. Ron Jarman moved to approve the claim. Kenny Aulbach seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for March 3, 2023, in the amount of \$211,653.86 was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER

- Treasurer Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners that Rush County tax statements should go out March 29, 2023.
- Treasurer Jodi Harr updated the Commissioners on the new tax software that was recently installed.

EXTENSION

- Jessica Roberts came before the Commissioners for Carly Holland to request hiring two temporary employees to fill the open part time position until the summer assistant arrives in May. The summer assistant will then work from May until fall. Ron Jarman moved to approve hiring two temporary employees. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

EMA

- EMA Director Chuck Kemker requested approval from the Commissioners to apply for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant in the amount of \$25,000.00. The PHEP Grant is an advanced grant with no county match and is for the part time position of Emergency Preparedness and Preparedness functions. Ron Jarman made the motion to apply and sign the request for the PHEP grant in the amount of \$25,000.00. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

JAIL

- Matron Megan Tate presented the Commissioners with the 2023 preventative maintenance agreement for the jail, with Choice Mechanical Services. Discussion was held regarding the dissatisfaction of customer service received from Choice Mechanical Services over the past several years and the inability to fix reoccurring issues. Ron Jarman made the motion to recommend sending the preventative maintenance agreement for the jail out for bid, with all bids being submitted by April 10, 2023. Kenny Aulbach seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Matron Megan Tate inquired on the open maintenance position, recommended having the preventative maintenance company do weekly maintenance on the plumbing until the position is filled. Ron Jarman said he would look into it to see what needs done.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners the jail is currently housing 55 inmates.
- Sheriff Rice updated the Commissioners on fine's and fee's that have been collected so far in 2023.
- Sheriff Rice advised the Commissioners that Brian Wilson with ARSEE Engineering confirmed the jail roof was not installed correctly. The County will need to obtain an estimate to have the roof installed correctly then notify the company who originally did the installation.

At 9:30 the Commissioners took bids for removal of the structure at 8970 S Walnut Street, Milroy IN. No bids were received. Attorney Leigh Morning will get with Area Plan Attorney Geoff Wesling on the next steps required to remove the structure.

MISC

- Brad Hatfield updated the Commissioners on the renovations to the old Filling Station building that is now owned by the American Legion. Veteran Service Officer, Dannon Todd, should be moved into his new office within the building by March 1, 2023.
- Ron Jarman made a motion to advertise for quotes on the Comprehensive Plan and have quotes returned by March 13, 2023. Kenny Aulbach seconded. 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:

/Heather Carlton/
Heather Carlton, Auditor Assistant