

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 27, 2023

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 27, 2023, with Commissioners Mark Bacon and Kenny Aulbach present. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Leigh Morning were present. Commissioner Ron Jarman was absent.

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 March 13, 2023, were presented. Kenny Aulbach made the motion to approve the minutes. Mark Bacon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable claims for March 27, 2023, in the amount of \$151,499.62 were presented. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the claims. Mark Bacon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Accounts Payable claim for March 28, 2023, in the amount of \$113,059.78 was presented for the Courthouse Roof. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the claim. Mark Bacon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for March 31, 2023, in the amount of \$215,627.90 was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

- Public Defender Bryan Barrett advised the Commissioners that the Public Defender Board approved to host an unpaid extern from IU McKinney Law School from May 1, 2023, through August 1, 2023. The Commissioners agreed to host the extern.

TREASURER

- Treasurer Jodi Harr indicated that the property tax statements are set to go out this Wednesday. The Tax Rate has gone down however the Assessed Values have gone up. Harr indicated to contact the Assessor's office for change in the Assessed Values.

HEALTH

- EMA Director Chuck Kemker presented a Narcan Grant proposal. The Health Department requested 200 doses of Narcan to distribute to the appropriate agencies. This has been an ongoing program that the Rush County Health Department would like to continue. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the grant proposal. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Kemker presented a school Co-Ag Grant proposal in the amount of \$110,000.00. There is no match for the grant. The goal of the funding is to provide additional resources to the Local Health Department to help support efforts directly with schools and their action as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Health Department has partnered with Rush County Schools

on the grant. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the grant proposal. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were favor. Motion carried.

HOOSIER SOLAR

- Rush County Attorney presented an Affidavit for Hoosier Solar to file petitions for variance with the APC. For Hoosier Solar to file the petitions they must have permission to file for the County's property since Hoosier Solar is not the landowner. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to sign the Affidavit & Consent of Property Owner. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HR

- HR Director Tony Personett indicated that 80 employees and spouses participated in the Wellness Clinic.
- HR Director Tony Personett advised the Commissioners that he along with Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton are working on the ADA and Title VI Plan.

9:20 a.m. Commissioner Mark Bacon recessed.

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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- Rush County Auditor Tammy Justice indicated no other proposals came in at 9:30 a.m. Rush County Attorney Leigh Morning opened the only proposal for the Comprehensive Plan from HWC. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to take under advisement the proposal for the Comprehensive Plan. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

/Mark Bacon/
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Kenny Aulbach/
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/Abstain/
Ron Jarman

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor