

**JOINT SESSION MEETING RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL AND RUSH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS June 14, 2023**

The Rush County Council and the Rush County Board of Commissioners met in a joint session Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Ron Jarman and Kenny Aulbach present. County Council Members in attendance were Charles Smith, Denny Corn, Amy Grocox, Janet Kile, Kyle Gardner, Carl Harcourt, and Scott Barnes. Auditor, Tammy Justice and County Attorney Leigh Morning were also in attendance.

Chairman Charlie Smith called the Regular and Joint Session to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll call for the Commissioners was taken with Mark Bacon, Ron Jarman and Kenny Aulbach present.

The purpose of the joint session was to discuss the Governor's Public Health Commission and how the county match will work.

Dixie Meyer presented the Council and Commissioners with the 2024 and 2025 Local Public Health Funding statistics. Funding will be distributed on a sliding scale dependent upon how many counties opt-in. For 2024 if Rush County opts-in, the minimum amount of funding will be \$168,750.00 with a potential maximum of \$225,000.00. For 2025 if Rush County opts-in, the minimum amount of funding will be \$337,500.00 with a potential maximum of \$450,000.00. The county match for 2024 is based on an average of years 2021, 2022 and 2023 in Health fund 1159 which is a tax levy fund. The average of those years for 2024 would be \$373,300.33 that the county would be required to match. For 2025 the county portion would be based on a 20% match which could be a minimum of \$81,666.00 with a maximum of \$108,888.00.

If Rush County chooses to not opt-in, we will continue to receive monies in the 1159 Health Fund which is a tax levy fund. The LHMF/Trust funds will stay at an amount of \$48,274.00 but could be repealed, so the county would lose those funds.

After discussions on funding and county match the Council made a favorable recommendation to the Commissioners on the Governor's Public Health Commission.

Ron Jarman moved to close the joint session. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

/Mark Bacon/  
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Ron Jarman/  
Ron Jarman

/Kenny Aulbach/  
Kenny Aulbach

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/  
Tammy Justice, Auditor