

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 3, 2023

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 3, 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 June 20, 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 July 3, 2023, in the amount of \$689,462.50 were presented. This included payment to the City of Rushville out of county general and EDIT funds for the ambulance. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for July 7, 2023, in the amount of \$232,671.58 was presented. Ron Jarman moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PROSECUTOR

- Prosecutor Phil Caviness requested approval from the Commissioners to apply for the 2023-2024 STOP Grant in the amount of \$41,021.08 with a county match of \$13,673.69 which is paid out of Pre-Trial Diversion Funds. Ron Jarman moved to apply for the 2023-2024 STOP Grant in the amount of \$41,021.08. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Director Tony Personett presented the Commissioners with the Broker Compensation Disclosure agreement with McGowan Insurance Group for the period of August 1, 2023, through July 31, 2024. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the Broker Compensation Disclosure Agreement. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Tony Personett requested permission from the Commissioners to advertise for a part-time position in the Recorder's office. Ron Jarman moved to advertise for a part-time position in the Recorder's office. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

EMA

- EMA Director Chuck Kemker updated the Commissioners on the previous weeks storms that hit across the county.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with the County Bridge Inspection Contract with INDOT for the years 2025-2028 in the amount of \$340,378.40 which is equal to 80% of the eligible project costs. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the County Bridge Inspection Contract with INDOT. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with a Financial Commitment Letter for the Community Crossings Matching Grant fund utilizing \$216,666.00 of the Highway Departments summer construction budget for the local match. Kenny Aulbach moved to sign the Financial Commitment Letter in the amount of \$216,666.00. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with the Highway Departments monthly financial report.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised the Commissioners that employee Ryan Gardner has retired. Superintendent Sitton also advised he still had a position available that had yet to be filled. Superintendent Sitton requested permission to advertise for the two (2) vacant positions in his department. Ron Jarman moved to advertise for the two (2) positions. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice gave a status update on his departments to the Commissioners.

HOOSIER SOLAR

- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Commissioners with decommissioning letters and insurance limit letters for each Hoosier Solar application submitted. These letters do not state the commissioners are approving the decommissioning. Discussion was held regarding the way the project was progressing and the lack of communication between Hoosier Solar and the commissioners. No motion was made on the decommissioning and insurance letters presented.

Mark Bacon recessed the regular commissioner meeting at 9:30 am to open bids for the removal of the Moscow and Milroy properties.

JA Shroyer Group LLC out of Muncie turned in a bid for both properties. They bid \$22,400.00 for the removal of 8970 S. Walnut, Milroy Indiana, and \$84,700.00 for the removal of 202 S. Pleasant Street, Milroy Indiana. The bid does not cover removal of tanks under the slab at the 8970 S. Walnut location. It was noted that the court order did not state the tanks under the slab needed removed. Ron Jarman made a motion to review the bids and check references before the next commissioner meeting on July 17, 2023. Kenny Aulbach seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mark Bacon reconvened the regular commissioner meeting at 9:36 am.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with a GIS Data Sharing Agreement with Stantec for county-wide GIS parcel data including ownership attribute information. Ron Jarman moved to approve the GIS Data Sharing Agreement with Stantec. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MISC.

- Dan Parker, Board Chairman for The Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (EIRPC), requested the Commissioners adopt and sign a resolution that recognizes EIRPC as the District Organization serving the Economic Development District comprised of Fayette, Henry, Randolph, Rush, Union and Wayne Counties. This is one step in completing EDA’s Regulatory and Programmatic requirements to formally recognize EIRPC as the District Organization serving the Economic Development District. Ron Jarman moved to approve the resolution pending County Attorney, Leigh Morning’s approval. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Comprehensive Plans were opened at 9:50 am. Plans were submitted by HWC Engineering, Kaiser Consulting Group and V3 Companies. Ron Jarman motioned to take all 3 plans under advisement. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

/Absent/
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Kenny Aulbach/
Kenny Aulbach

/Ron Jarman/
Ron Jarman

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor