

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 17, 2023

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 17, 2023, with Commissioners Ron Jarman, and Kenny Aulbach present. Auditor Tammy Justice was also present. Commissioner Mark Bacon and County Attorney Leigh Morning were not present.

Ron Jarman 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 July 3, 2023, were presented. Kenny Aulbach made the motion to approve the minutes. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable claims for July 17, 2023, in the amount of \$203,761.42 were presented. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for July 21, 2023, in the amount of \$236,237.84 was presented which included vacation payout from Riverboat for J. Coyle. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

IT

- IT Director Randy Herbert advised the Commissioners he had asked the County Council for an additional appropriation of \$50,000.00 for computer maintenance contracts. He also advised that Cum Cap could be an option to pay the \$50,000.00 out of instead of doing an additional appropriation. Kenny Aulbach moved to transfer \$50,000.00 out of Repairs and Maintenance to Professional Services in the Cum Cap fund. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AREA PLAN

- Area Plan Director Mike Holzback advised the Commissioners that the Area Plan Board recommended the Commissioners pass a moratorium on accepting any applications for solar farms in Rush County until the new comprehensive plan is complete. Commissioner Jarman stated in his opinion the moratorium should go through January 1, 2025. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the recommended moratorium until January 2025 to address comprehensive plan and solar issues. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the zoning ordinance. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with an Independent Contractor Contract for Maintenance for Dustin Case. The term of the contract will be from July 10, 2023, to December 31, 2023. Kenny Aulbach

moved to approve the Independent Contractor Contract for Maintenance for Dustin Case. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with INDOT's LPA award recommendation letters for Bridge 1 for \$1,236,555.05 and Bridge 155 for \$978,214.20

CLERK

- Clerk Angie Buckley requested permission from the Commissioners to make one (1) of her open positions part-time. She would like to retain the full-time status of that position until she can determine if part-time would be sufficient. Kenny Aulbach moved to allow the part-time status of that position. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Director Tony Personett advised the Commissioners of an issue involving the summer intern in the Extension Office. Several years ago, the county did away with contracted positions, however the summer intern has been paid as a contracted employee for several years now. No timekeeping has been done by the intern to date. Director Personett contacted Waggoner Irwin & Scheele and their recommendation is to amend the county handbook to include a seasonal job description. The summer intern should be classified as an employee and not as a contractor. Director Personett has asked for reconstruction of timecards from the intern. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to move forward and address and rectify this situation. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Tony Personett presented the Commissioners with his letter of retirement effective December 31, 2023. Ron Jarman instructed Personett to put an ad together for the Human Resource Director position and advertise no later than September 1, 2023.

At 9:30 the regular commissioner meeting was convened to hold a public hearing on a petition by Kristen and Dustin Daugherty to vacate an alley in the town of New Salem. There was no objection to vacating alley. Kenny Aulbach moved to close the public hearing at 9:35 am. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve vacating alley in New Salem, Indiana, said alley being 16.5 feet wide and 165 feet long between Lot 14 and Lot 15 in the Original Plat of New Salem. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners of an issue with the walk-in refrigerator at the jail. Currently they are using a mobile refrigeration unit from Gettingers.

MISC.

- Commissioner Ron Jarman advised the bids for the teardown of the Moscow and Milroy properties had been reviewed. The Milroy property will need to have an asbestos inspection done but the bid for the Moscow property was good. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the \$18,500.00 bid to tear down

8970 S. Walnut, Milroy Indiana. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Commissioner Ron Jarman advised that the Commissioners interviewed two (2) of the three (3) companies that had submitted plans for the Rush County Comprehensive Plan. The companies interviewed were V3 and HWC. V3 involved three different companies to do specific parts of the plan. Commissioner Jarman recommended HWC due to having more experience in comprehensive plans. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve HWC to do Rush County's Comprehensive Plan and have county attorney Leigh Morning draw up the contract. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

/Mark Bacon/
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Kenny Aulbach/
Kenny Aulbach

/Ron Jarman/
Ron Jarman

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor