

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 14, 2023

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 14, 2023, with Commissioners Ron Jarman, and Kenny Aulbach present. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Leigh Morning were also present. Commissioner Mark Bacon was 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 31, 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 August 14, 2023, in the amount of \$318,182.03 were presented. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for August 18, 2023, in the amount of \$233,233.66 was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Director Tony Personett requested approval from the Commissioners to advertise for the open full-time juvenile probation officer position. Kenny Aulbach moved to advertise for the full-time juvenile probation officer position. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Tony Personett requested approval from the Commissioners to advertise for the open full-time cook position at the jail. Kenny Aulbach moved to advertise for the full-time cook position. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AREA PLAN

- Director Mike Holzback advised the Commissioners the APC Board held a public hearing on August 2, 2023, in which the board gave a favorable recommendation to the Commissioners to pass a moratorium on accepting any applications for Commercial Solar Farms in Rush County until the new comprehensive plan is complete. Effective until January 1, 2025. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the recommendation to pass a moratorium on accepting any applications for commercial solar farms in Rush County effective until January 1, 2025. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Mike Holzback presented the Commissioners with ordinance #2023-6 Establishing a Moratorium on New Commercial Solar Farms. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve ordinance #2023-6. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SENIOR CENTER

- Assistant Director Angela Cavaletto advised the Commissioners that all info was uploaded to INDOT for the compliance hearing.
- Assistant Director Angela Cavaletto presented the Commissioners with their expenditures for the second quarter of 2023 along with their quarterly claim. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the Senior Centers quarterly claim. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners the demolition was completed on the Moscow property.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners he is looking at outsourcing sheriff sales to SRI, who is already utilized by the Treasurer to do tax sales. Discussion was held regarding who would pay the added costs for the sheriff sales and if the county would suffer any loss of revenue.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners that the issues with the lights have not been fixed, but the three (3) broken windows have been replaced.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with the July monthly report for the highway department.

MISC.

- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Commissioners with a letter of credit to Trade Finance Services requesting the cancellation and release of bond for road repairs on behalf of Bellflower. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve and sign the letter of credit. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Kristie Amos with the Rush County Community Foundation advised the Commissioners the groundbreaking ceremony for the new recreation center is set for September 7, 2023.
- Jessica Roberts from Purdue Extension Office advised the Commissioners they are starting a community leadership program for local government candidacy.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman presented a contract with HWC Engineering for professional services in connection with the Rush County Comprehensive Plan, in the amount of \$99,000.00, which will be paid out of the ARPA funds. Discussion was held regarding when the payments would be made. Attorney Leigh Morning advised that the contract states Rush County would be invoiced monthly. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve and sign the contract with HWC Engineering. 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.

/Absent/
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Kenny Aulbach/
Kenny Aulbach

/Ron Jarman/
Ron Jarman

ATTEST:

/Heather Carlton/
Heather Carlton, Auditor Assistant