

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS September 11, 2023

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, September 11, 2023, with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Ron Jarman, and Kenny Aulbach present. Auditor Tammy Justice was also present. County Attorney Leigh Morning was not 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 August 28, 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 September 11, 2023, in the amount of \$281,709.66 were presented. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for September 15, 2023, in the amount of \$230,807.14 was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AREA PLAN

- Director Mike Holzback requested approval from the Commissioners to amend the Rush County Zoning Maps for a parcel located in Arlington Indiana owned by Mark and Amy Thomas, from manufacturing to residential. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the petition. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Dixie Meyer advised the Commissioners that 86 counties opted into the Health First Indiana plan. Rush County will be awarded \$175,167.53 in total funds for 2024.
- Dixie Meyer advised the Commissioners the department should be receiving the new Covid vaccine for the season. Meyer also advised that the number of covid cases were increasing in the county.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested approval from the Commissioners on an Unofficial Detour Reimbursement Contract for SR 3 at 750 North. Ron Jarman moved to approve and sign the Unofficial Detour Reimbursement Contract. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised the Commissioners bridge 17 is now open.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton gave the Commissioners his department's August monthly report.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice informed the Commissioners the legislature is changing the requirements for training hours for communications. Sheriff Rice asked permission to expand the contract to include these changes. Ron Jarman moved to work with Power Phone on an agreement with dispatchers regarding training hours. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MISC.

- Treasurer Jodi Harr informed the Commissioners about the upcoming Tax Sale, currently there are 53 parcels eligible for sale.
- Commissioner Kenny Aulbach inquired if Ride Rush had all information submitted to the state. Director Tina Logan advised she had submitted all missing information. Commissioner Aulbach asked Logan to request a letter, if she did not already have one, from the state, stating all information had been submitted.
- Terry Lancer and Morgan Sauls of Lancer Associates Architecture introduced their company and gave a presentation to the Commissioners.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval and signatures from the Commissioners on a tax lien against Soloman Wickey/James & Karen Dyer for tear down of 8970 S. Walnut St. Milroy Indiana in the amount of \$18,555.00. Ron Jarman moved to approve and sign the tax lien. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- EMA Director Chuck Kemker advised the Commissioners the top hoistway access switch on the courthouse elevator should be fixed today. The technician is also going to show both Kemker and Dustin Case how to do the monthly service checks on the elevator.
- Discussion was held regarding the iron bridge in Milroy. Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised the Commissioners his department could take the bridge down and scrap the metal. Sitton stated that several years back he had received consent to tear down the bridge, but a local heritage group had stopped the removal of the bridge. Ron Jarman made a motion to tear down the bridge. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman gave an asbestos update on the playhouse in Milroy.

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

/Mark Bacon/
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Absent/
Kenny Aulbach

/Ron Jarman/
Ron Jarman

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor