

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS October 20, 2023

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Friday, October 20, 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 October 9, 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 October 20, 2023, in the amount of \$734,923.13 were presented. Discussion and clarification was held regarding a claim from the health department for a meal for 2 people totaling \$187.25. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for October 27, 2023, in the amount of \$233,381.05 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 presented the Commissioners with the updated Health Plan for Rush County Employees and requested approval of the plan. Ron Jarman moved to approve and sign the updated Health Plan. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Tony Personett advised the Commissioners the job posting for the HR position was posted and will be active until November 10, 2023.
- Director Tony Personett requested approval from the Commissioners to post for a full-time election deputy position in the Clerk's office. Ron Jarman moved to post the full-time election deputy position. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

EMA

- Director Chuck Kemker advised the Commissioners he had forwarded a quote for the fire system to them.
- Director Chuck Kemker advised the Commissioners the elevator issues should be completed by October 31, 2023. Director Kemker discussed the drastic decline in customer service with the current elevator company, TK Elevator, and suggested looking for a new company.
- Director Chuck Kemker advised the Commissioners the BRIC Grant was not awarded and suggested approving a contract with RQAW Corporation for a drainage study in the amount of \$60,000.00 and \$20,000.00 for their help filing for the next BRIC grant. Ron Jarman moved to approve the RQAW Corporation contract in the amount of \$80,000.00 with half of the funds

being paid by the City of Rushville and half by Rush County. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Dixie Meyer advised the Commissioners the 2024 Indiana Health 1st budget was approved by the State.
- Dixie Meyer updated the Commissioners regarding available vaccines and the VaxCare system to file with insurance providers.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested approval from the Commissioners to extend the current liquid asphalt contract through the 2024 construction season with Asphalt Materials Inc. Kenny Aulbach moved to accept the extension. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested the Commissioners set December 04, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. for the 2024 stone bids. Ron Jarman moved to approve December 04, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. for the 2024 stone bids. Kenny Aulbach seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised the Commissioners the owner of a burnt house in Falmouth would give the County the ground for right of way purposes if the County would demolish the structure. Ron Jarman moved for Superintendent Sitton to work with County Attorney Leigh Morning for an agreement with owner. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice for Sheriff Allan Rice requested approval from the Commissioners to apply for Local Coordinating Council Fall 2023 Grant in the amount of \$7,650.00 with no county match. The purpose of the grant is to obtain the necessary funding to purchase a Bosch CDR Pro Tool Kit with Software. This device is utilized to extract data from the black box located in vehicles. Ron Jarman moved to apply for the Local Coordinating Council Fall 2023 Grant. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AMBULANCE

- Discussion was held regarding the ambulance contract and setting up a committee with Fire Chief Mike Justice. It was stated the City has done a great job over the past four (4) years and nine (9) months, and the City is willing to work with the County. The Commissioners will get in contact with Chief Justice to get the committee set up and representatives on the committee will speak with the other ambulance services within the county as well. Ron Jarman moved to extend the Central District Ambulance Contract until June 30, 2024. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MISC

- Judge Brian Hill requested approval from the Commissioner to apply for the 2024 IOCS Problem-Solving Court Grant, in the amount of \$13,000.00 with no county match. The purpose of the grant is to assist with training costs for multiple team members and drug testing expenses specifically for the certified Problem-Solving Court, Drug Court. Ron Jarman moved to

apply for the 2024 IOCS Problem-Solving Court Grant. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Judge Brian Hill thanked the Commissioners for the improvements made on the outside of the Courthouse and inquired on the possibility of getting the floors buffed throughout the Courthouse.
- Judge Brian Hill discussed security exemptions with the Commissioners for attorneys who frequent the Courthouse on a regular basis. Judge Hill stated the Supreme Court requires a security plan to be filed with them and discussed working on a plan that would incorporate those attorneys who frequent the courthouse regularly.
- Judge Brian Hill invited the Commissioners to take part in the SIM Mapping Workshop being held on November 2nd and 3rd at the City Center.
- Tina Logan, Executive Director of the Senior Center, presented the Commissioners with an Economic Impact Report for public transportation from January 1, 2023, through October 19, 2023.
- Executive Director Tina Logan informed the Commissioners there were several findings during the compliance review, and they have up to 120 days to correct the findings.
- Elizabeth Norris approached the Commissioners with a petition to lower the speed limit on 700 N signed by eight (8) residents. Homeowners between 700 N and 800 N would like the speed reduced from 55-mph to 45 or 30-mph. Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton stated an engineering study would have to be done due to the road being designed for a 55-mph speed limit. Ron Jarman advised they would research the cost of an engineering study.
- Mark Bacon advised the Commissioners the lights on First Street are the County's responsibility and recommended moving forward with repairs on them.
- David Murray approached the Commissioners with a concern regarding engine brake noise in the Carthage area. Mr. Murray would like signs put up enforcing restrictions on engine brakes. Discussion was held regarding county wide ordinance on restrictions verses the placement of signs in areas. Ron Jarman advised they would research the costs of putting up signs.
- Ron Jarman advised the Commissioners the asbestos abatement on the Milroy property would begin within the next week.

Ron Jarman made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. 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