

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS December 18, 2023

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 18, 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 December 4, 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 December 18, 2023, in the amount of \$419,515.99 were presented. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for December 22, 2023, in the amount of \$235,249.37 was presented. Ron Jarman moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER

- Treasurer Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners she had sent them the November Financial Report.
- Treasurer Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners there was a 94% collection rate of the November taxes and the Auditor and Treasurer are currently working on distribution of tax dollars to the different entities.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners the Governor's office had accepted her resignation as Rush County Treasurer as of midnight on January 19, 2024.
- Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners that Tony Personett had agreed to stay in the director position until February 2, 2024, to help train her. Ron Jarman moved to approve Tony Personett staying until February 2, 2024. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RECORDER

- Recorder Debbie Richardson presented the Commissioners with a Maintenance Agreement between CSI-Computer Systems Inc and Rush County Recorder for \$10,965.00. Ron Jarman moved to approve the Maintenance Agreement. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SENIOR CENTER

- Interim Director Jack Harmon updated the Commissioners on the Senior Centers Finances.
- Interim Director Jack Harmon advised the Commissioners that the 3rd quarter report had been uploaded but notification was not sent to Todd

Jennings at INDOT, therefore payment of the 3rd quarter would not be received in a timely manner.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Dixie Meyer along with Susan Eakins from RMH and Ashley Stevens Director of Court Services advised the Commissioners of the need for warming stations for the homeless within the county. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of using the Sheriff Department lobby, however Sheriff Allan Rice was not in favor of that since the lobby is closed from 8:00 pm to 6:00 am. Discussion was held regarding putting a couple of chairs in the vestibule area between the doors at the Sheriff Department, and or opening the courthouse as well. Ashley Stevens stated they are actively looking for a building to utilize for this concern. Ron Jarman moved to utilize the vestibule at the Sheriff Department as a warming station. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mark Bacon recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:30 a.m. to open Highway and County Farm bids.

2024 BIDS

- Highway bid for resurfacing of W 900 N from 1000 W to Bridge 11 over Blue River for a total of 3.036 miles.
 - Floyd Crim & Sons Paving bid \$725,668.00
 - Dave Omara bid \$544,349.00
 - Paul Rhoe bid \$690,119.80
 - All Star Paving bid \$777,358.55
 - Robertson Paving bid \$649,949.60
 - Jerry Sitton recommends taking all bids under advisement until 1st meeting in January.

Bids for the County Farm started at 9:45 a.m.

- Written bid was submitted by Jake Hoeing for \$280.00 per acre.
- Paul Wiseman bid \$285.00 per acre.
- Buhler Family Farms bid \$300.00 per acre.
- J&S Orme bid \$325.00 per acre.
- Buhler Family Farms bid \$350.00 per acre.
- Crossroads Family Farms bid \$355.00 per acre.
- Buhler Family Farms bid \$360.00 per acre.
- Crossroads Family Farms bid \$365.00 per acre.
- Buhler Family Farms bid \$370.00 per acre.
- Crossroads Family Farms bid \$375.00 per acre, which was the winning bid.

At 9:50 a.m. the Regular Commissioner meeting was resumed.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested approval and signatures from the Commissioners to close out Bridge 63 on 800 E to 900 N. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve and sign the close out. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested approval from the Commissioners to apply for CCMG 2024-1 grant in the amount of \$634,915.00 with a county match of \$158,729.00. The purpose of the grant is to chip seal 25.17 miles of roads by contract. Ron Jarman moved to apply for the CCMG 2024-1 grant. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners he would be turning in a claim out of Capital Outlays for \$3,982.85. Ron Jarman moved to approve the claim out of Capital Outlays. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Allan Rice asked the Commissioners to extend the benefit days for the detectives for 90 days, in order for them to use their days off. Kenny Aulbach moved to extend the benefit days for 90 days. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners he had been notified by the Carthage town board that the town Marshall had been suspended pending termination.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that the booster pump in the boiler room at the jail burnt out and filled the room with smoke. The pump will have to be replaced.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners one of his employees had been stuck by a hypodermic needle while cleaning out the med box in the vestibule at the jail. Rice stated he will be removing the med box and will no longer accept outdated drugs, stating Rush Memorial Hospital accepts outdated drugs twice a year. The sheriff stated the possibility of moving the box to the Health Department so it can be monitored. Ron Jarman advised Sheriff Rice to get with Mike Miller in Solid Waste to have him pick up the box.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners he would like April 8, 2024, to be a make-up holiday for his employees that work that day. Ron Jarman moved to allow the Sheriff Department to utilize a make-up holiday for working the Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with an Addendum to Ambulance Services Agreement for the City of Rushville for a six (6) month extension. Ron Jarman moved to approve the addendum. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with an Addendum to Ambulance Services Agreement for Anderson Township Volunteer Fire Department for a six (6) month extension. Ron Jarman moved to approve the addendum. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with an Addendum to Ambulance Services Agreement for Raleigh Fire Department Inc. for a six (6) month extension. Ron Jarman moved to approve the addendum. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice asked the Commissioners where they would like an invoice from RQAW for the stormwater study in the amount of \$6,910.00

paid from. Ron Jarman moved to pay the \$6,910.00 invoice out of Cum Cap. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

- Interlocal Agreement by and between City of Rushville, Indiana and County of Rush, Indiana was presented to the Commissioners. The purpose of the Interlocal Agreement is to transfer 911 funds in the amount of \$136,968.00 from the County to the City for dispatch salaries. Ron Jarman moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

- Board of Review – Ron Jarman moved to appoint Kathy Dean and Kevin Snyder. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- ICAP – Ron Jarman moved to retain Paul Wilkinson. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Eastern Indiana Regional Planning – Ron Jarman moved to retain Carole Yeend. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MISC

- Josh Estelle with McGowan Insurance updated the Commissioners regarding the Liability Insurance, and advised his recommendation would be to go with Travelers.
- Veteran Service Officer Dannon Todd gave an update to the Commissioners regarding the Veterans Service Office.
- Daniel Griffin, Sales Manager with PHI Cares, approached the Commissioners regarding air ambulance membership for every household in Rush County. Commissioner Mark Bacon stated he felt it was a good investment for the County. Ron Jarman moved to approve the PHI Membership agreement. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Kristie Amos with the Rush County Community Foundation asked the Commissioners permission to place nine (9) signs on the county lines that state “Welcome to Rush County”. Ron Jarman moved to allow the Welcome to Rush County signs. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Larry Stout, President of Rush County Heritage, asked the Commissioners for an update on the 1st Covered Bridge for his newsletter. Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised the bridge has been let by INDOT and will be closed some time after the first of the year.

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:
/Heather Carlton/
Heather Carlton, Auditor Assistant