

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS October 18, 2024

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Friday, October 18, 2024, 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 and afterwards read the I Speak statement to the public.

MINUTES

- Minutes of the Regular Session held on October 7, 2024, were presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable claims for October 18, 2024, in the amount of \$730,774.66, which included \$500,000.00 transfer from county general to rainy day, were presented. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for October 25, 2024, in the amount of \$250,006.85, 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 presented the Commissioners with a favorable recommendation from the Area Plan Commission to update 7.11.2 of the Rush County Zoning Ordinance adding paragraph (h) further defining CFO special exceptions or Executive Director approval without a special exception. County Attorney Leigh Morning clarified the new language. Ron Jarman inquired if the state dictates number of head allowed. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the Area Plan Commission's recommendation. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

H.R.

- H.R. Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners the County Council has requested she review other Indiana counties salaries. Harr stated she would first use the AIC Factbook before contacting other counties.
- H.R. Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners she was working on updates to the personnel policy.
- H.R. Director Jodi Harr updated the Commissioners on the excel classes with the Open Resource.
- H.R. Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners the county has 10 FMLA cases ongoing.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Dixie Meyer updated the Commissioners on vaccines being offered.
- Dixie Meyer thanked the Commissioners for the additional part time nurse for the department.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested the Commissioners strike Ordinance 2024-8 vacating alley for DBROTHERSGRAIN LLC which was a duplicate ordinance. Ron Jarman moved to strike Ordinance 2024-8. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioner with the 2025 Rush County Calendar for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the 2025 Rush County Calendar as presented. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried. Ron Jarman inquired how other counties do commissioner meeting and claims twice a month. Auditor Justice said she would inquire with other counties.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with an updated certificate of appointment to the Public Library Board stating the previously signed certificate of appointment had incorrect dates. Ron Jarman moved to redact date and resign certificate of appointment. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice discussed with the Commissioners the ARPA funds.
- Auditor Tammy Justice inquired about the status of the Plymate agreement with the Commissioners.
- Auditor Tammy Justice inquired about the status of the purchase agreement for the property at 620 E. 11th Street, Rushville. Kenny Aulbach moved to have County Attorney Leigh Morning send out letters to Steve Sickbert and Tim Yazel, giving them 45 days to respond to the availability of the building. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice discussed with the Commissioners the possibility of taking deed to parcel #70-06-19-305-001.000-006 owned by Structured Vision Investments in Posey Township which was offered at the 2024 tax sale and did not sell. Ron Jarman moved to petition for the tax deed. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MISC

- Ellen DuBois with Union Savings and Loan presented the Commissioners with an application and loan documents on the WM Glendenning Reconstruction Drain in the amount of \$48,588.48. Ron Jarman moved to approve the application. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried. Kenny Aulbach moved to sign the loan documents in the amount of \$48,588.48. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Ellen DuBois with Union Savings and Loan presented the Commissioners with an application and loan documents for the Eli Reconstruction Drain in the amount of \$33,394.02. Ron Jarman moved to approve both the application and loan documents in the amount of \$33,394.02. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Commissioners with a new bid spec for fiber optic conduit. Ron Jarman moved to approve the new bid spec. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Commissioners with proposals from Scholle's Land Surveying and Coor Consulting to do a topo utility survey around the courthouse. Scholle's Land Surveying quote for the survey is \$7,750.00. Coor Consulting's quote for the survey is \$7,350.00. Ron Jarman approved Coor Consulting to complete the topo

survey around the courthouse. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- County Attorney Leigh Morning discussed with the Commissioners the issue Travelers Insurance has with the county not having a policy regarding Hot Work. Ron Jarman moved to add the Hot Work verbiage to the vendors contract if that type of work will be done. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning discussed with the Commissioners regarding Traveler's Insurance and Bliss McKnight along with the county's consultant for insurance renewals.
- Kenny Aulbach advised the Commissioners that Patricia Zerr is requesting the commissioners sign her application for a cemetery heritage sign for the Bell-Barrett Cemetery located off SR 140 in Knightstown. Kenny Aulbach moved to sign the application. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried. County Attorney Leigh Morning advised the Commissioners the application states Rush County Cemetery Commission. Kenny Aulbach will have Ms. Zerr redo the application and resubmit.
- Ron Jarman presented the Commissioners with an Architect and Engineer Letter Agreement with JPS Consulting Engineers for courthouse grounds improvements. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve and sign the Architect and Engineer Letter with JPS Consulting Engineers. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Mark Bacon advised the Commissioners that EMA Director Chuck Kemker is requesting to move forward with the pre-application faze for the BRIC grant. Ron Jarman voiced his concerns with the county match portion of this grant. After much discussion and concerns being stated, Kenny Aulbach made a motion to move forward with the pre-application for the BRIC grant. Seconded by Mark Bacon. Kenny Aulbach and Mark Bacon were in favor of the motion, Ron Jarman opposed. Motion carried.

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

/Mark Bacon/
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Ron Jarman/
Ron Jarman

/Kenny Aulbach/
Kenny Aulbach

ATTEST:
/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor