

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS October 24, 2022

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, October 24, 2022, with Commissioners Mark Bacon and Ron Jarman present. Deputy Auditor Heather Carlton and County Attorney Leigh Morning were also present. Commissioner Paul Wilkinson and Auditor Tammy Justice were absent.

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 10, 2022, were presented. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve. Mark Bacon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable claims for October 24, 2022, in the amount of \$415,220.75, were presented. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the claims. Mark Bacon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for October 28, 2022, in the amount of \$205,990.00 was presented. This includes payout of 1.5 comp hours in the amount of \$28.35, to Circuit Court employee Jennifer Sammons. Ron Jarman moved to approve payroll. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HR

- At the October 10, 2022 Commissioner meeting, HR Director Tony Personett presented the Commissioners with a recommendation from the insurance committee to waive the employee portion only of the health insurance premiums for the November 23, 2022 and December 9, 2022 payrolls. Director Personett is now requesting that all employer portions of health insurance premiums for those pays be waived as well. Ron Jarman made the motion to waive all employer portions of the health insurance. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER

- Treasurer Jodi Harr presented the treasurer's monthly report to the Commissioners.
- Treasurer Jodi Harr updated the Commissioners on the recently held property tax sale. There were 18 parcels that were not sold, she will email a list of those parcels to each of the commissioners. She presented the Commissioners with the options of holding a Commissioner Sale or taking deed to the properties and looking at them as possible blighted projects. Matter will be discussed at a later time.

HEALTH

- Dixie Meyer advised the Commissioners that they have started interviewing for the open environmentalist position within the Health Department.
- Dixie Meyer updated the Commissioners that the County's Covid 19 numbers are down this month to 43 cases.

HIGHWAY

- Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with a consulting contract with Butler, Fairman & Seufert Inc for their services on the replacement of Bridge 155 over Branch Little Flat Rock. Amount of contract is \$142,750.00. Ron Jarman made the motion to accept and sign the contract with Butler, Fairman & Seufert Inc. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with a consulting contract with Butler, Fairman & Seufert Inc for their services on the replacement of Bridge 1 over Six Mile Creek. Amount of contract is \$210,500.00. Ron Jarman made the motion to accept and sign the contract with Butler, Fairman & Seufert Inc. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised the Commissioners that the excavator and sign truck are down. The sign truck is a possible engine overhaul and could be three to four weeks before the company can get it fixed.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice asked the Commissioners permission to sell the three replaced Ford Explorers to Campbell Brothers at a cost of \$28,000.00, which is \$7,000.00 more than Fletcher's offered. Ron Jarman moved to approve selling the vehicles to Campbell Brothers. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Allan Rice asked the Commissioners permission, pending Council approval, to use the funds from the sale of the three Ford Explorers to help pay the remaining balance on the invoice for the three new vehicles. Ron Jarman moved to approve using the funds to help pay for the new vehicles. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners on the time frame of the radio installation on the three new vehicles.
- Sheriff Allan Rice presented the Commissioners with a Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Evapar for a total cost of \$3,663.00. This agreement is for the jail generator. Ron Jarman moved to sign the maintenance agreement with Evapar. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MISC.

- Deputy Auditor Heather Carlton asked the Commissioners permission to advertise for the County Farm Bid. It is a recommended 1-year contract. Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. at the December 5, 2022 Commissioner meeting.
- Deputy Auditor Heather Carlton asked the Commissioners permission to advertise for Commissioner appointments for 2023.
- Coroner Brenda McMahan asked for approval to complete a job description for a part-time deputy coroner position for 2023 and start the hiring process. Salary for this position will be \$7,000.00 per year. Ron Jarman made the motion to move forward with the job description and hiring process. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Recorder Kevin Spilman advised the Commissioners that he is having some of his books scanned. The company doing the scanning will be in the courthouse after hours and he will stay with them.
- April Isaacs, daughter of Leslie and Janice Helms, addressed the Commissioners for her parents and 25 or more other homeowners regarding solar projects throughout the County, particularly the project on the Rush/Henry County line, west of State Road 3 which affects her parents homestead.

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

/Mark Bacon/
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Absent/
Paul Wilkinson

/Ron Jarman/
Ron Jarman

ATTEST:

/Heather Carlton/
Heather Carlton, Deputy Auditor