

## **REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS January 3, 2023**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, January 3, 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.

Commissioner Bacon called for the 2023 organization of the Board of Commissioners. Ron Jarman made the motion to appoint Mark Bacon as Chairman to the Commissioners. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. Mark Bacon accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried. Mark Bacon made a motion to appoint Ron Jarman as Vice Chairman. Kenny Aulbach Seconded. Ron Jarman accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **MINUTES**

- Minutes of the Regular Session held on December 19, 2022, were presented. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve. Mark Bacon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **CLAIMS**

- Accounts Payable claims for January 3, 2023, in the amount of \$257,968.33, were presented. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the claims. Kenny Aulbach seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Accounts Payable claim for January 4, 2023, in the amount of \$227,240.21 were presented for the Courthouse Roof. Ron Jarman moved to approve the claim. Kenny Aulbach seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried

### **PAYROLL**

- Payroll for January 6, 2023, in the amount of \$214,635.50, was presented. Ron Jarman moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **CONTRACT FOR SHERIFF**

- 2023 Sheriff Contract that was previously approved was presented to the Commissioners for signatures. Ron Jarman made a motion to sign the 2023 Sheriff Contract. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **EMA**

- EMA Director Chuck Kemker presented the Commissioners with a County Disaster Emergency Declaration for Travel Restriction. This was for the level red travel status for Rush County on December 23, 2022. Ron Jarman made a motion to sign the December 23, 2022 travel restriction declaration. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Discussion was held regarding future emergency travel status declarations and obtaining signatures from the commissioners or having the signatures on file.
- Director Chuck Kemker presented the Commissioners with an Ordinance Terminating Local Disaster Emergency Code Red Travel Status. Ron Jarman made a motion to sign the Ordinance Terminating the Code Red Travel Status. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Chuck Kemker asked the Commissioners for a letter of support regarding the cost share with the City of Rushville for the BRIC Grant. Ron Jarman moved to approve a letter of support for the cost share for the BRIC Grant. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

- Dixie Meyer advised the Commissioners that Sherry McKinney will be retiring Friday, January 6, 2023. Amy DeJager will be moving into Sherry's open position. Dixie requested permission to advertise for a part time vital records clerk. Ron Jarman moved to advertise for a part time vital records clerk. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **HR**

- HR Director Tony Personett advised the Commissioners that he received a resignation letter for the part time position in the Extension Office. Director Personett asked permission to advertise for this open position. Ron Jarman made a motion to advertise for a part time position in the Extension Office. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **SHERIFF**

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners there are currently 53 inmates being housed at the jail. Sheriff Rice also updated the Commissioners on the inmate totals for 2022.
- Sheriff Allan Rice invited the Commissioners to attend the Oath of Office ceremony for all Sheriff Department employees on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at the jail.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners of the resignation of a male correction officer. Sheriff Rice asked the Commissioners permission to advertise for a male correction officer position. Ron Jarman made a motion to advertise for a male correction officer position. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners on the Moscow property owned by Dyer. Sheriff Rice urged the Commissioners to do a resolution regarding this property.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners he was working with EMA Director Chuck Kemker on obtaining generators for a couple of the local gas stations. In the event the City loses power for an extended period of time, there would be no way of fueling the Sheriff vehicles.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that Deputy Amanda Cable started the academy on January 3, 2023.

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners of another water main break on December 24, 2022. Commissioner Ron Jarman advised he has been in contact with the mayor and the City of Rushville is planning on putting shut off valves at Perkins Street and Main Street when the weather warms up.

**MISC**

- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with CCD 08 change order for the Courthouse roof. This is for the last of the damaged wood decking that was replaced by CMR. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve and sign the CCD 08 change order. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Treasurer Jodi Harr presented the Commissioners with the November 2022 Financial Report. Treasurer Harr also advised the Commissioners they are required to hold a Board of Finance meeting in January. It was agreed that the Board of Finance meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 9:15 am.
- Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with the Highway’s monthly report and the yearly appropriation report.
- Auditor Tammy Justice updated the Commissioners on the staffing issues within the Auditor’s office.

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