

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 13, 2023

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 13, 2023, with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Ron Jarman and Kenny Aulbach present. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Leigh Morning were not 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 February 27, 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 March 13, 2023, in the amount of \$324,097.32 were presented. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the claims. Kenny Aulbach seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Accounts Payable claim for March 14, 2023, in the amount of \$11,500.00 was presented for Professional Services for the Courthouse Roof. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the claim. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for March 17, 2023, in the amount of \$213,131.32 was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HR

- HR Director Tony Personett reminded the Commissioners of the annual wellness clinic this Wednesday, March 15, 2023 on the first floor of the courthouse.
- HR Director Tony Personett extended his appreciation to the Commissioners for their part in increasing wages for county employees.

EMA

- EMA Director Chuck Kemker presented his annual time card for the Commissioners approval. This approval is needed for grant reimbursement of his wages. Ron Jarman moved to sign Director Kemker's annual time card. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

JAIL

- Matron Megan Tate inquired about the status of the preventative maintenance bids. She was advised the Commissioners are still working on getting that done.

- Matron Megan Tate informed the Commissioners of clogged air vents at the jail.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with the Highway's February monthly report.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton extended his appreciation to the Commissioners for their part in increasing wages for county employees.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners the jail is currently housing 60 inmates.
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- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners there are no updates as of yet on the in-custody death of an inmate.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that one of the Durango's in his fleet, came in contact with high water which caused the engine to blow up.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners he has been officially approached, by Davis Towing, regarding the return of a trailer the department is using of theirs. The trailer, which was obtained by the previous administration, is housed at the Highway Department and used to store evidence and records. Sheriff Rice was not given a timeframe of when the trailer needs returned. Sheriff Rice is looking at possibly putting fencing up in the air handler room, at the jail, in order to securely store the evidence and records from the trailer.

MISC

- Sande Land, for the Senior Citizens Center, presented the Commissioners with a Motor Vehicle Purchase Agreement for Ride Rush for their approval. This is for the purchase of a low floor minivan with center seat in the amount of \$68,967.00. Local share amount of \$13,793.40 will be paid from funds at the Senior Citizens Center. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve and sign the Motor Vehicle Purchase Agreement. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman updated the Commissioners on the Hunt Road project. They are currently waiting on the gas company to relocate a gas line.
- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton presented the Commissioners with an Addendum to Option and Lease Agreement with Rush Solar Project III, LLC. The amendment is to increase the rent from \$850.00 per acre to \$1,200.00 per acre. Ron Jarman motioned to approve and sign the Addendum to Option and Lease Agreement. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton presented the Commissioners with an Amended Memorandum of Option to Lease with Rush Solar Project III, LLC. Ron Jarman motioned to approve and sign the Amended Memorandum of Option to Lease. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton presented the Commissioners with a recommended roofing repair quote from Henry C. Smither Roofing Co. Inc. for storm damage at the jail. Insurance company cannot reimburse the balance owed until they receive an invoice and signed quote. Kenny Aulbach motioned to accept and sign the quote by Henry C. Smither Roofing Co. Inc. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

ATTEST:

/TAMMY JUSTICE/
Tammy Justice, Auditor