

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 22, 2023

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, May 22, 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 May 8, 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 May 22, 2023, in the amount of \$345,688.86 were presented. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for May 26, 2023, in the amount of \$219,941.33 was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Director Tony Personett requested permission from the Commissioners to post a full-time dispatcher position at the jail. Ron Jarman moved to post for a full-time dispatcher. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Tony Personett requested permission from the Commissioners to post for a part-time opening in the Treasurer's office. Ron Jarman motioned to post for the part-time opening in the Treasurer's office. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Tony Personett requested from the Commissioners permission to advertise for the Title VI hearing to coincide with the June 5, 2023, ADA hearing at 6:00 pm. Kenny Aulbach motioned to add Title VI to the ADA hearing on June 5, 2023, at 6:00 pm. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Tony Personett advised the Commissioners the County's open enrollment for insurance will be in June, with payroll deductions starting in July for an August 1, 2023, effective date.
- Director Tony Personett advised the Commissioners that the vision rates for next year with Eye Med are staying the same. Ron Jarman motioned to keep the Eye Med rates the same for 2024. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Tony Personett advised the Commissioners that dental rates for next year have decreased by five (5) percent on both the low and high plans with Delta Dental. Kenny Aulbach motioned to accept the five (5) percent decrease on both plans for 2024. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Director Tony Personett advised the Commissioners that UMR, the counties health insurer has increased their stop loss by \$25,000.00 for next year. This increase is not substantial, and the insurance committee has recommended keeping the rates the same for 2024. Ron Jarman motioned to keep the rates the same for 2024 with UMR. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Tony Personett advised the Commissioners the insurance committee recommends staying with the same vendors and proceeding. Kenny Aulbach motioned to keep all costs the same as 2023 for the employees in 2024. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Tony Personett asked for the Commissioners approval of the stop loss proposal letter for Spectrum Underwriting Managers through UMR. Ron Jarman motioned to approve and sign the stop loss coverage letter. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with a contract for approval for Bridge 94 with United Consulting. Ron Jarman moved to sign the contract with United Consulting for Bridge 94. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with a contract for approval for Bridge 1 with INDOT in the amount of up to \$1,488,400.00. Ron Jarman motioned to approve and sign the contract with INDOT for Bridge 1 in the amount of up to \$1,488,400.00. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with a contract for approval for Bridge 155 with INDOT in the amount of up to \$1,196,000.00. Kenny Aulbach motioned to approve and sign the contract with INDOT for Bridge 155 in the amount of up to \$1,196,000.00. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that the body camera implementation with Motorola and our IT will begin this week.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners there was damage to a 2021 Dodge Durango caused by a deer.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Commissioners that she received notification from Marc Webb of being interested in the Commissioners BZA appointment. Commissioners agreed to set up a time to interview Webb.
- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Commissioners that effective July 1, 2023, the Prosecutors salary will be increasing. The Sheriff receives half of the Prosecutors salary and the Sheriff's contract will need to be changed. Ron Jarman requested that County Attorney Leigh Morning have an updated contract for the next meeting on June 5, 2023.

SOLAR

- Commissioner Mark Bacon advised the crowd that the Commissioners would hear only new discussions regarding solar. He also advised that the next step would be for the solar project to go before the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA).
- Jim Naylor asked for clarification on how the government works regarding candidacy for the BZA appointment. Both Commissioner Mark Bacon and Ron Jarman advised Naylor that they had one interested applicant that they would be interviewing as addressed earlier in the meeting.
- Brian McMinn addressed the Commissioners with a concern that the audience cannot hear what is being addressed in the meeting and requested that microphones be utilized by everyone. Commissioner Mark Bacon addressed his concern and stated they would look into what could be done to rectify the problem.

MISC.

- Commissioner Ron Jarman advised that the group that does the Five Days of Prayer would like to use the Conservation Club the third week of July. Mark Bacon motioned to give permission for the Five Days of Prayer to use the Conservation Club. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Ron Jarman advised that only one (1) bid was received for the Comprehensive Plan. Ron Jarman motioned to deny all bids. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Ron Jarman advised that to get more interested parties for the county's comprehensive plan, he had been in contact with the grant writer that Glenwood utilizes. The grant writer can use his connections to get more interested. Ron Jarman made a motion to advertise and rebid the county's comprehensive plan. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. 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/
Ron Jarman

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor