

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS June 20, 2023

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, June 20, 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 June 05, 2023, were presented. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve the minutes. Kenny Aulbach seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Minutes of the Special Session held on June 05, 2023, were presented. Kenny Aulbach made the motion to approve the minutes. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Minutes of the Joint Session with the Rush County Council held on June 14, 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 June 20, 2023, in the amount of \$935,216.36 were presented. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. Mark Bacon abstained from voting due to a mileage claim in the amount of \$55.69 made payable to him. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for June 23, 2023, in the amount of \$236,378.37 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 advised the Commissioners that open enrollment for benefits is finishing up.
- Director Tony Personett requested permission from the Commissioners to post a part-time IV-D assistant position in the Prosecutor's office. Ron Jarman moved to post the part-time IV-D assistant position. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Dixie Meyer requested the Commissioners decision regarding the Governors Public Health Commission. Ron Jarman made a motion to opt into the Governors Public Health Commission and sign Resolution 2023-4. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ron Jarman to recess the regular Commissioner meeting to hold the Title VI public hearing was made at 9:30 am. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

TITLE VI PUBLIC HEARING

- Human Resource Director Tony Personett opened the public hearing and presented the Title VI Plan to the Commissioners which states no person may be discriminated against based on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, protected veteran's status, genetic information, or on the basis of disability or age, or Limited English Proficiency. Ron Jarman made a motion to sign the Title VI Plan. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Tony Personett presented the Commissioners with Ordinance 2023-4 which adopts the Title VI Plan. Ron Jarman motioned to adopt and sign the Title VI Ordinance 2023-4. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ron Jarman to close the Title VI Public Hearing was made at 9:34 am. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Mark Bacon reconvened the Regular Commissioner meeting at 9:34 am.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested approval from the Commissioners to apply for a Community Crossing grant in the amount of \$866,664.00 which will have a 25% county match that will come out of his summer construction budget line. Ron Jarman moved to apply for the \$866,664.00 Community Crossing grant. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with Ordinance 2023-3 which adopts the Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan. Ron Jarman motioned to sign the Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan and adopt Ordinance 2023-3. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with LPA-Consulting Contract for County Bridge Inspections effective June 20, 2023, between the Rush County Commissioners and Butler, Fairman & Seufert Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$425,473.00 of which, INDOT will reimburse 80%. This contract is for the 2025-2028 bridge inspections. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the LPA Consulting Contract with Butler, Fairman & Seufert Inc. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners on a shooting that occurred in Southern Rush County.
- Sheriff Allan Rice gave a status update on his departments to the Commissioners.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with Covered Bridge Certification, certifying Rush County has five (5) covered bridges. Ron Jarman moved to sign certification form. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with their 2024 budget requests. Ron Jarman moved to have President Mark Bacon sign the 2024 budget requests. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Commissioners on the response from Mark Hudson from BOKF on the bond investment for the jail. It was indicated that between two (2) accounts Rush County has \$13,170.80 and is eligible for the Reich & Tang Investment Product which is insured fully by the FDIC. The Council gave a favorable recommendation to the Commissioners to go with the Reich & Tang Investment Product. Ron Jarman moved for Auditor Tammy Justice to sign the Investment Selection and Disclosure form indicating the Reich & Tang Investment Product. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MISC.

- Jill Spaulding, Regional Sales Manager with PHI Air Medical/StatFlight presented the Commissioners with a countywide opportunity to cover all Rush County residents if they are flown by them. Spaulding stated insurance and Medicare does not cover the full cost of air medical, but she presented that if the County partners with PHI Air Medical all Rush County residents would not have to pay out of pocket after insurance for PHI Air Medical/StatFlight services. Cost would be \$7.00 per household for all Rush County residents which is a total of \$46,494.00 per year for the County. Rush County Employees who live outside of the county, however, would not be covered. The matter was taken under advisement.
- Council woman Janet Kile presented Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton a check from the Republican party for the covered bridge fund. Sitton stated the check would be utilized to start a fund at the Community Foundation for upkeep on the county's covered bridges.
- Jail Matron Megan Tate presented the Commissioners with a preventative maintenance quote from Choice Mechanical Services for \$3,615.00 per quarter. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve Choice Mechanical Services for 4 quarters at \$3,615.00. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Chris Boone from QPH informed the Commissioners that QPH had submitted a bid for the preventative maintenance at the jail and courthouse. The combined quote for both buildings was \$22,000.00 annually. Ron Jarman made the motion to go with QPH for courthouse only in the amount of \$8,000.00 annually. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Dustin Daugherty requested the Commissioners vacate an alley that is 16.5 feet wide and 165 feet long that runs along the west side of his property located at 4646 E US Hwy 52. Ron Jarman made a motion to set a public hearing for July 17, 2023, at 9:30 am for vacating the alley. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Commissioners with the Sheriff Contract in the amount of \$89,084.00 for the period of July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024. Wages would only increase if the state raised the Prosecutors salary in July of 2024. Ron Jarman moved to sign the Sheriff Contract in the amount of \$89,084.00. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried. Sheriff Rice took the contract under advisement and did not sign.

- President Mark Bacon recommended appointing Mark Webb as the commissioner's appointment to the BZA Board. Kenny Aulbach made the motion to appoint Mark Webb to the BZA Board. 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/
Ron Jarman

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor