

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS November 17, 2023

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Friday, November 17, 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 November 6, 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 November 17, 2023, in the amount of \$333,419.24 were presented. This includes \$13,822.00 out of Riverboat for the Senior Center. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for November 22, 2023, in the amount of \$239,223.78 was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RIDE RUSH

- Interim Director Jack Harmon updated the Commissioners regarding the Senior Center. Harmon reassured the Commissioners he would attend the commissioner meetings regularly and would continue as director until problems are resolved.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Director Tony Personett requested approval from the Commissioners to advertise for a part time summer intern position in 2024 for the Prosecutor. Ron Jarman moved to advertise for the 2024 part time summer intern position. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Tony Personett advised the Commissioners he would have the nepotism papers for the Commissioners at the December 4, 2023, meeting.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Dixie Meyer requested approval and signatures from the Commissioners for two (2) separate Memorandum of Understanding's (MOU) between Rush County and the Rush County Health Department. The first MOU is for the use of the building, equipment etc. The second MOU states the health department will work with the County and all offices. Ron Jarman moved to approve and sign the two (2) MOU's. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Dixie Meyer updated the Commissioners regarding VaxCare.
- Environmental Health Specialist Dan Burklow presented the Commissioners with a septic ordinance draft. Burklow stated that the State requires a septic ordinance to be in place by January 1, 2024. County Attorney Leigh

Morning will look over the draft and have an official ordinance at the next meeting for signatures.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised the Commissioners that out of the three (3) to four (4) federal aids available, he can only apply for one (1). Bridge 125 is rated at a four (4) and all others were rated at a five (5).

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Commissioners she had received an invoice from the Rush County Chamber for \$1000.00. Ron Jarman moved to pay the invoice. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MISC

- Surveyor Marvin Rees requested approval from the Commissioners to hold the County Christmas party on December 12, 2023, and close the courthouse between the hours of 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Ron Jarman motioned to hold the County Christmas party on December 12, 2023, and close the courthouse from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning updated the Commissioners regarding the jail roof. After finding out double bend for the jail roof was decided on and paid for by the county, CCI & DLZ are willing to come back and install the double bend on the jail roof. CCI & DLZ are taking full responsibility for not installing the correct roof on the jail and will be covering all costs for the correct installation. CCI & DLZ would like to meet with the Commissioners on November 27, 2023. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to proceed with the repairs for the double bend on the jail roof since DLZ, CCI and Horning will stand behind the cost of all repairs and honor the 20-year roof warranty. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried. Ron Jarman made a motion to decline the meeting with CCI & DLZ on November 27, 2023. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning asked for clarification from the Commissioners regarding the Emergency Proclamation Burn Ban that was put in place the prior week. Ron Jarman moved to cancel the Emergency Proclamation Burn Ban. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held regarding mental health commitments and the number per year the county would possibly be looking at. Further discussion would need to be held with Judge Brian Hill.
- Discussion was held regarding the possibility of holding a special meeting with Choice Mechanical, Dustin Case and the Commissioners regarding preventative maintenance at the jail. Commissioner Mark Bacon stated Dave Drew had offered to walk Dustin Case through different things at the courthouse.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman updated the Commissioners regarding the Playhouse in Milroy and an informational meeting he attended regarding Broadband.

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