

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS December 4, 2023

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 4, 2023, with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Ron Jarman, and Kenny Aulbach present. Auditor Tammy Justice was also present. County Attorney Leigh Morning arrived late.

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 17, 2023, were presented. Kenny Aulbach made the motion to approve the minutes. Ron Jarman seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable claims for December 4, 2023, in the amount of \$2,259,955.30 were presented. This includes \$121,400.00 for the courthouse roof bond payment, \$609,000.00 for the jail bond payment and \$1,375,000.00 to the Community Foundation for the Rec. Center. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for December 8, 2023, in the amount of \$236,288.50 was presented. Ron Jarman moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Director Tony Personett requested approval from the Commissioners to sign the Travelers Insurance application. Ron Jarman moved to sign the application. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Tony Personett requested approval from the Commissioners to sign the application for Governmental Insurance Exchange (GIE). Kenny Aulbach moved to sign the application. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Tony Personett requested approval from the Commissioners to sign the Bliss McKnight application. Ron Jarman moved to sign the application. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Tony Personett requested approval from the Commissioners to sign the Prescription Program with TruScripts. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the Prescription Program. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Tony Personett advised the Commissioners that Jenny Sammons had been hired to fill the voter/election deputy position in the Clerk's Office that is available, starting January 2, 2024, and due to the COMOT Scale, her hourly rate would be decreasing. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to accept Jenny Sammons as the new Voter/Election Deputy with a start date of January 2, 2024. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Director Tony Personett advised the Commissioners the interview committee for the human resource position recommended hiring Jodi Harr for the Director of Human Resources. Ron Jarman moved to hire Jodi Harr as the Human Resource Director. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton gave the Commissioners the Highway's monthly report and advised he would be investing additional funds.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman inquired as to how many out of county employees are employed by the Highway Department. Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised there are three (3) employees who live outside of the county.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners regarding the murder suspect who had been arrested. Commissioner Mark Bacon extended his gratitude to all who worked on that arrest.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners of an inmate that has a serious health condition.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners the awards banquet will be held on December 15, 2023, at the K of C.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners there is one (1) Durango that is out for repairs.

Mark Bacon recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:30 a.m. to open bids for Gravel and Stone.

2024 BIDS

At 9:30 a.m. the Commissioners opened the following bids:

- Highway Crushed Stone
 - Bids were received from New Point Stone Co. Inc. for the Derbyshire Quarry and the St. Paul Quarry. Rush County Stone and US Aggregates.
 - Jerry Sitton recommends accepting all bids based on geographic area.
 - Ron Jarman made a motion to accept all bids for geographic area. Kenny Aulbach seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Highway Gravel
 - Bids were received from Irving Materials Inc.
 - Jerry Sitton recommends accepting all bids.
 - Ron Jarman made a motion to accept all bids for geographic area. Kenny Aulbach seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

At 9:43 a.m. the Regular Commissioner meeting was resumed.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Amy DeJager presented the Commissioners with Ordinance 2023-9 Rush County On-Site Sewage Systems Ordinance. Ron Jarman moved to approve Ordinance 2023-9 Rush County On-Site Sewage Systems Ordinance. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Amy DeJager presented the Commissioners with Ordinance 2023-10, an Ordinance Establishing Health Department Fees. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve Ordinance 2023-10, an Ordinance Establishing Health Department Fees. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with Ordinance 2023-11 An Ordinance Adopting a Capital Improvement Plan for Rush County. Ron Jarman moved to approve Ordinance 2023-11. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with Microfilm Services Agreement between Computer Systems Inc (CSI) and the Rush County Recorder. Ron Jarman moved to approve the Microfilm Services Agreement with CSI. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with Disaster Recovery Services Agreement between Computer Systems Inc (CSI) and the Rush County Recorder. Ron Jarman moved to approve the Disaster Recovery Services Agreement. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

- Area Plan Commission – Kenny Aulbach agreed to another yearly term.
- Area Plan Commission Citizen Appointment – Kenny Aulbach made a motion to appoint Lesia King to Area Plan Commission Citizen Appointment. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Attorney – Kenny Aulbach moved to retain Leigh Morning as Rush County Attorney. Seconded by Mark Bacon. Ron Jarman abstained. Motion carried.
- Custodial Service – Ron Jarman made a motion to retain Gilliam Janitorial to the Custodial Service and accept agreement. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- E-911 Board – Ron Jarman agreed to another yearly term.
- Economic Development Commission – Ron Jarman agreed to another yearly term.
- Employee Health Insurance – Ron Jarman agreed to another yearly term.
- Highway Superintendent – Ron Jarman made a motion to appoint Jerry Sitton as Highway Superintendent. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- EMA – Ron Jarman made a motion to appoint Chuck Kemker as EMA Director. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- EMA Advisory Board – Mark Bacon agreed to another yearly term.
- Hospital Board Civilian Two (2) Year Term – Ron Jarman made a motion to appoint Gerald Mohr. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- LEPC – Mark Bacon agreed to another yearly term.
- Workforce Investment Board – Kenny Aulbach agreed to another yearly term.

- Eastern Indiana Regional Planning – Mark Bacon agreed to another yearly term.
- Fiber Board – Ron Jarman agreed to another yearly term.

MISC

- Josh Estelle with McGowan Insurance updated the Commissioners regarding several companies willing to give favorable quotes. Estelle advised that the sexual abuse coverage application will need to be filled out and questions answered to get the proposals. HR Director Tony Personett advised the Commissioners he recommends signing off on the sexual abuse portion of the application. Ron Jarman moved to sign the sexual abuse application. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Jessica Roberts with Purdue Extension advised the Commissioners about an ag seminar at the Root Building. Roberts also advised the Commissioners the Extension Office and Rush Co Clerk are putting on a program January 11, 2024, for anyone interested in running for office.
- Steve Cain with Raleigh Fire & Ambulance advised the Commissioners they are willing to extend their contract for six (6) months.
- Commissioner Kenny Aulbach advised the Commissioners that Anderson Township Volunteer Fire and Ambulance are also willing to extend their contract for six (6) months.
- Kirk Trebley with the Rush County Fair Board updated the Commissioners regarding building a 40x60 barn dominium type building for the Extension Office that would include four (4) offices, secretary space and one (1) meeting room. Payment would be \$4,500.00 per month for a ten-year lease with the Commissioners supplying utilities, janitorial services, and insurance. Commissioner Mark Bacon stated he would like to see some other options. Commissioner Ron Jarman stated he would like to see possibly coming up with more upfront funds to get away from the high monthly lease payment.
- John Painter with CSI updated the Commissioners on the second inspection of the jail roof. Painter stated there was a caulking membrane that will be resealed. Painter also stated there is no reason a twenty (20) year warranty can't be issued with a two (2) year workmanship warranty issued by Horning. Painter advised the double fold of the roof seams will be scheduled for completion sometime around the second week of December 2023, at no cost to the County.
- IT Director Randy Herbert advised the Commissioners that Microsoft will be requiring multi-factor authentication for all county employees who login to email. Herbert currently was able to override the authentication for thirty (30) days. Commissioner Ron Jarman stated he would research this and come up with a solution.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman advised the Commissioners the first meeting for the comprehensive plan was held and more information will be going out to the public.
- Melissa Meltzer asked the Commissioners for an update on the Senior Center. Commissioner Kenny Aulbach stated he wanted to address a concern that there were missing funds, which is not the case.

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