

## **REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS January 02, 2024**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, January 02, 2024, with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Ron Jarman, and Kenny Aulbach present. County Attorney Leigh Morning was also present. Auditor Tammy Justice was not present.

Mark Bacon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge to the American Flag.

Commissioner Bacon called for the 2024 re-organization of the Board of Commissioners. Ron Jarman made the motion to appoint Mark Bacon as Chairman to the Commissioners. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. Mark Bacon accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to appoint Ron Jarman as Vice Chairman. Mark Bacon Seconded. Ron Jarman accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **MINUTES**

- Minutes of the Regular Session held on December 18, 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 January 02, 2024, in the amount of \$311,304.32 were presented. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **PAYROLL**

- Payroll for January 05, 2024, in the amount of \$237,668.40 was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER**

- Treasurer Jodi Harr and the Commissioners set the annual Board of Finance meeting for January 16, 2024, at 9:15 a.m.
- Treasurer Jodi Harr set up a workshop with the Commissioners to meet with SRI for January 29, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the differences of taking deed to certain tax sale parcels opposed to offering at a certificate sale.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

- Dixie Meyer presented the Commissioners with the appointments to the Health Board for approval. Appointed to Local Health Officer was Dr. Daugherty for a three (3) year term. Alisa Winters was appointed for a one (1) year term to the Health Board and Debra Burkhardt was appointed to a two (2) year term to the Health Board. Ron Jarman moved to approve the appointments. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Dixie Meyer updated the Commissioners regarding the posting for new positions within the Health Department.

## HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested approval from the Commissioners to accept the bid from Dave O'Mara Contractor Inc. for paving of W 900 N from 1000 W to Bridge 11 over Blue River for an amount of \$544,349.00. Ron Jarman moved to accept the bid placed by Dave O'Mara Contractor Inc. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested approval from the Commissioners for the Agreement between Rush County and Dave O'Mara Contractor Inc. for the paving of W 900 N from 1000 W to Bridge 11 over Blue River. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the agreement with Dave O'Mara Contractor Inc. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with the Highway Departments December Financial Report.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

- Director Tony Personett requested approval from the Commissioners to post for the open Solid Waste Director position. Kenny Aulbach moved to post for the Solid Waste Director. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners the jail population is currently 43 inmates.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners the following employees were recognized at the December award banquet. Reserve Deputy of the Year went to Cord Coyle. Dispatcher of the Year went to LeeAnn Lacy Jacobs. Deputy of the Year went to Doug Keith and the Terry Drake Hard Charger award went to Barb McMahan, Randy Meek and Shawn Smallwood.

## MISC

- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton presented the Commissioners with a statement of values from McGowan Insurance for approval. Ron Jarman felt some of the policy limits were not enough to replace some of the listed buildings. Ron Jarman moved to table the signing of the values until he speaks with McGowan Insurance.
- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton presented the Commissioners with the Supplementary Commercial Automobile Application from Travelers for the Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Coverage. Ron Jarman moved to approve and sign the Supplementary Commercial Automobile Application. 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