

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS February 26, 2024

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 26, 2024, 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 February 12, 2024, 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 February 26, 2024, in the amount of \$345,850.51 were presented. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for March 01, 2024, in the amount of \$241,345.65 was presented. Ron Jarman moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER

- Treasurer Susan Spaeth notified the Commissioners that the Commissioners Certificate Sale scheduled for April 16, 2024, had been canceled due to timing issues.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Director Jodi Harr requested permission from the Commissioners to advertise for a part-time deputy in the Auditor's office. Kenny Aulbach moved to advertise for a part-time Deputy Auditor. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr requested permission from the Commissioners to advertise for a legal secretary in the Prosecutor's office. Ron Jarman moved to advertise for the legal secretary position in the Prosecutor's office. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr discussed with the Commissioners the letter from Travelers Insurance regarding the recommendations made. Harr also stated the Commissioners needed to appoint someone to sit on the personnel policy committee. Ron Jarman moved to appoint Kenny Aulbach to sit on the personnel policy committee. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried. County Attorney Leigh Morning instructed Director Jodi Harr to send an email to Travelers indicating the Commissioners reviewed their recommendations and the Commissioners are referring the recommendations to the personnel policy committee.

SENIOR CENTER

- Interim Director Jack Harmon advised the Commissioners that the Senior Center is now in compliance with INDOT. Harmon also advised the Commissioners the center had applied \$25,000.00 to their line of credit debt.
- Interim Director Jack Harmon introduced to the Commissioners Angela Caveletto as the new Director of the Senior Center.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Dixie Meyer asked for approval from the Commissioners to apply for the Naloxone Grant. This grant is an in-kind grant. Ron Jarman moved to approve applying for the Naloxone Grant. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Dixie Meyer updated the Commissioners on the new hires in the health department.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with the annual highway report for approval. Ron Jarman moved to approve and sign the annual highway report. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton apologized to the Commissioners for not having enough trucks out with the recent snowstorm.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners he had obtained a quote from Choice Mechanical for water valve replacement for \$4,365.00. Ron Jarman moved to pay the quote from Choice Mechanical. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried. Ron Jarman made a motion to pay Choice Mechanical out of LIT Capital Outlays. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners regarding the SAS video system at the jail, stating a review would be completed to see if the system needs replaced.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners regarding defensive tactic training that would be held in the coming weeks.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval from the Commissioners for the courthouse and jail lawn pricing and landscaping maintenance from N&S Cleaning Services. Ron Jarman moved to approve the lawn and landscaping maintenance pricing. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval from the Commissioners for Treasurer Susan Spaeth's public official bond. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the bond. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MISC

- County Attorney Leigh Morning advised the Commissioners the warranty paperwork for the jail roof had been received. Morning also pointed out that on page 5 of the warranty, it states that between March 1st and September

30th each year for the first two (2) years, Horning will, at the owner's request, make an annual inspection of the roof, make an inspection report, and make any repairs necessary as a result of faulty workmanship or defects in materials.

- County Attorney Leigh Morning discussed the Envoy proposal and invoice with the Commissioners for the renovation scope of the courthouse. Ron Jarman moved to approve and pay the Envoy proposal of \$10,000.00. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Debbie Bruce addressed the Commissioners regarding the need to clear dead ash trees from the Little Blue River. Commissioner Mark Bacon advised Bruce that issue would need to be addressed with the Drainage Board which meets right after the Commissioner meeting.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman updated the Commissioners regarding issues with the fiber that went down over the weekend.
- Commissioner Mark Bacon advised the Commissioners DCS would be putting pinwheels on the courthouse lawn and the courthouse clock color would be blue.

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:

/Heather Carlton/
Heather Carlton, Auditor Assistant