

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 11, 2024

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 11, 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.

MINUTES

- Minutes of the Regular Session held on February 26, 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 March 11, 2024, in the amount of \$443,554.60 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 15, 2024, in the amount of \$245,640.81 was presented. Ron Jarman moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SENIOR CENTER

- Interim Director Jack Harmon requested approval from the Commissioners to apply for the Section 5311-Rural Transit Grant in the amount of \$345,224.00 with a match of \$172,780.00 for operating assistance. Ron Jarman moved to approve and sign the Section 5311-Rural Transit Grant. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Interim Director Jack Harmon gave a brief update to the Commissioners regarding the Senior Center.

COURT SERVICES

- Deputy Director Jake Kolb requested clarification from the Commissioners regarding the previous approval of the use of the vestibule at the Sheriff Department as a warming station. Recently a homeless resident was directed to the vestibule to keep warm for the night and was removed by a sheriff deputy. Commissioner Bacon advised the Commissioners had previously approved the vestibule at the Sheriff Department to be used as a warming station not a shelter. Deputy Director Kolb asked the Commissioners to put together a committee to discuss options regarding shelter for the homeless in our community and asked for parameters on “warming station” asking if it also includes shelter for severe weather since we are going into warmer weather.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Dixie Meyer advised the Commissioners that the Indiana Department of Health is requiring a vehicle purchase agreement to be in place for the new vehicle the Health Department is purchasing. Meyer presented the

Commissioners with a Vehicle Purchase Agreement between Rush County Commissioners and Rush County Health Department for a 2024 Dodge Durango. Ron Jarman moved to sign the Vehicle Purchase Agreement. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised the Commissioners the Federal Grant for Bridge 125 had been approved.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with the bridge inspection report.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with the February monthly financial report for the Highway Department.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested approval from the Commissioners to hire for the final open driver position. Ron Jarman moved to approve the hiring of a driver. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MISC

- Commissioner Ron Jarman discussed with the Commissioners and Superintendent Jerry Sitton on what could be done to get Henry County to do repairs on county line road. Commissioner Bacon suggested a letter be sent from the Commissioners to Henry County regarding the issue. County Attorney Leigh Morning will draw up a letter for the Commissioners.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman updated the Commissioners regarding a broadband survey going out.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman advised the Commissioners the committee for the 3rd floor courthouse renovations had met.
- Commissioner Mark Bacon discussed where we were with the sidewalk updates.

Ron Jarman made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

/Mark Bacon/
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Absent/
Kenny Aulbach

/Ron Jarman/
Ron Jarman

ATTEST:
/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor