

## **REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **March 25, 2024**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 25, 2024, with Commissioners Mark Bacon and Ron Jarman present. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Leigh Morning were also present. Commissioner Kenny Aulbach 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 March 11, 2024, were presented. Ron Jarman made the motion to approve the minutes. Mark Bacon seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **CLAIMS**

- Accounts Payable claims for March 25, 2024, in the amount of \$110,362.92 were presented. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **PAYROLL**

- Payroll for March 28, 2024, in the amount of \$246,116.88 was presented. Ron Jarman moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **SENIOR CENTER**

- Director Angela Cavaletto introduced Rick Billington to the Commissioners. Billington was hired to fill Cavaletto's vacated position.
- Director Angela Cavaletto requested the Commissioners re-sign the Section 5311 Rural Transit Grant Proposal due to an incorrect county match amount. The new proposal is for a County Match of \$10,000.00. Ron Jarman moved to re-sign the Section 5311 Rural Transit Grant Proposal. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners the membership cards for the air ambulance service are being distributed.
- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners that Sheriff Allan Rice would like the PHI Air Ambulance membership coverage to include the Rush County Employees that do not live in Rush County. Harr advised there are approximately 40 out of county employees and the charge would be \$60.00 per employee for the annual coverage. County Attorney Leigh Morning advised that those out of county employees would have to be taxed as a fringe benefit on the coverage. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the air ambulance benefit for full-time Rush County employees who live out of county. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER**

- Treasurer Susan Spaeth advised the Commissioners the February monthly report had been emailed to them.

- Treasurer Susan Spaeth advised the Commissioners the tax rates for 2023 payable 2024 taxes had been advertised and tax statements would be mailed April 4, 2024.

### **CLERK**

- Clerk Angie Buckley requested permission from the Commissioners to hire part-time summer staff and pay them out of the clerk perpetuation budget. Ron Jarman moved to approve hiring part-time summer staff. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Clerk Angie Buckley updated the Commissioners regarding the storage closet for the election equipment.
- Clerk Angie Buckley advised the Commissioners the polling location for Milroy may need to be moved due to the current location possibly not being ADA compliant. Buckley also advised that Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton is allowing several highway employees to assist in moving the election equipment for the May election.

### **EMA**

- Director Chuck Kemker updated the Commissioners on the recent tornado damage in Winchester, Indiana that he assisted with.
- Director Chuck Kemker advised the Commissioners that a stair chair had been purchased to assist courthouse visitors in wheelchairs when the elevator is out of order.
- Director Chuck Kemker updated the Commissioners on the April 8<sup>th</sup> Solar Eclipse.

### **SHERIFF**

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners the postage meter at the jail needs updated. The options would be to purchase or lease a new meter. Sheriff Rice stated he would have a contract for the postage meter at the next commissioner meeting.
- Sheriff Allan Rice reported to the Commissioners the main water valve to the jail had been replaced.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners of the upcoming jail inspection.

### **AUDITOR**

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval from the Commissioners for a GIS Data Sharing Agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering LLC. The engineering firm is working with the City of Rushville in the development of a stormwater database and is requesting data for the city limits of Rushville. Ron Jarman moved to approve the GIS Data Sharing Agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering LLC. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice discussed with the Commissioners the possibility of establishing a Cum Voting Fund for Rush County. County Attorney Leigh Morning stated another option would be a non-reverting fund could be established instead of a rate driven cum fund. Ron Jarman made a motion to not do the Cum Voting Fund and for Clerk Angie Buckley to work with County Attorney Leigh Morning to set up a non-reverting fund. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**MISC**

- Commissioner Ron Jarman gave a broadband update.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman advised he had been approached by a concerned citizen regarding the comprehensive plan not including the Knightstown area residents. Commissioner Jarman would like to publicly apologize to the Knightstown residents for them being left off the mailing.
- Commissioner Mark Bacon advised that Chargon Lab would be testing the water in the courthouse more frequently.

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

/Mark Bacon/  
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Abstain/  
Kenny Aulbach

/Ron Jarman/  
Ron Jarman

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/  
Tammy Justice, Auditor