

## **REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS May 6, 2024**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, May 06, 2024, with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Kenny Aulbach and Ron Jarman 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 April 22, 2024, were presented. Ron Jarman moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Minutes of the Joint Session held on April 25, 2024, were presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **CLAIMS**

- Accounts Payable claims for May 6, 2024, in the amount of \$221,160.99 were presented. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **PAYROLL**

- Payroll for May 10, 2024, in the amount of \$245,963.68 was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **EMA**

- Director Chuck Kemker requested approval from the Commissioners to apply for 2024 SHSP Trailer Grant in the amount of \$150,000.00 with no county match. The purpose of the grant is to provide a mobile command center which will provide space for communications as well as function as a remote office space for centralized command with multiple workstations and conference area. Ron Jarman moved to approve applying for the 2024 SHSP Trailer Grant. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Chuck Kemker requested approval from the Commissioners to apply for 2024 SHSP Routers Grant in the amount of \$150,000.00 with no county match. The purpose of the grant is to provide wireless routers to Law Enforcement vehicles as well as the EMA Truck and Mobile Command Trailer. Ron Jarman moved to approve applying for the 2024 SHSP Routers Grant as long as it meets the Sheriff's needs. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **SENIOR CENTER**

- Director Angela Cavaletto requested approval from the Commissioners on the Section 5311 Rural Transit 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report. Ron Jarman moved to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried. Auditor Tammy Justice requested the grant monies request form be filled out and returned to her office.

- Director Angela Cavaletto advised the Commissioners they had applied for two (2) grants, one of which would allow them to purchase and install a new lift on one of the vehicles.
- Director Angela Cavaletto advised the Commissioners if they had any questions regarding the reorganization to let her know so she could get answers at the INDOT meeting. Ron Jarman would like to know if Rush County can opt out of being part of the region. Director Cavaletto advised if the county does not regionalize, we no longer will receive federal funding for Ride Rush.

### **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

- Director Ashley Stevens requested approval from the Commissioners to sign the Professional Services Contract Sequential Intercept Model Grant. This is a contract between Rush County Court Services and Brittnee Hillebrand for the purposes to help others through treatment and toward the path of sustained recovery. Ron Jarman moved to approve and sign the Professional Services Contract Sequential Intercept Model Grant. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Ashley Stevens updated the Commissioners on the Crisis Intervention Training that was recently held.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

- Director Jodi Harr provided the Commissioners with a staff update.
- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners it is time for health insurance renewal. The Health Insurance committee will meet on May 10, 2024, to go over renewal rates and set up open enrollment for employees.
- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners the Department of Labor is changing the salary rule for exempt employees. This change will affect the following exempt employees as of January 1, 2025: APC Director, HR Director, EMA Director, and the Health Supervisor. Salaries for these positions must be increased otherwise they will be eligible for overtime. County Attorney Leigh Morning advised the base pay for the EMA Director and Health Supervisor will need to be increased to meet the new salary rule.
- Director Jodi Harr presented the Commissioners with the PHI Cares Membership-Organization Gift for Rush County, IN Employees for approval. The purpose of the contract is to cover Rush County employees who live out of the county. Ron Jarman moved to approve and sign the contract. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried. Out of county employees will have to sign to accept or waive the coverage due to it being a fringe benefit.
- Director Jodi Harr requested approval for April Hatfield to give a courthouse tour on Friday, May 10, 2024. Ron Jarman moved to approve the courthouse tour. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr presented the Commissioners with a couple employee suggestions for them to think about. Employees would like to place picnic tables on the courthouse lawn for employees to eat lunch outside. It was suggested that employees could collect bottle caps to pay for the table and put it in memory of someone or take up a collection amongst employees to cover the cost if the Commissioners did not want to cover the cost. Another suggestion was to go to a four (4) day work week with the hours of 7 am to 5 pm.

- Director Jodi Harr updated the Commissioners on the courthouse clean up.

### **CCMG 2024-1 SEAL COAT BIDS**

At 9:30 a.m. the Commissioners opened the following bids for the 2024 Chip and Seal Road Project:

- SC Construction & Materials LLC bid \$491,486.30.
- Globe Asphalt Paving bid \$620,824.80.
- Champaign Asphalt bid \$500,960.10.
- Pavement Solutions Inc bid \$607,890.95.

Ron Jarman moved to take bids under advisement until the next meeting.

Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

At 9:40 a.m. the Regular Commissioner meeting was resumed.

### **EXTENSION**

- Jessica Roberts updated the Commissioners on the community gardens.
- Director Carly Holland advised the Commissioners the office would be moving to the fairgrounds June 20, 2024, and will return to the courthouse July 8, 2024. Director Holland would also like to confirm extra hours for the part-time employee and possible overtime for the regular employee during this period. County Attorney Leigh Morning advised Holland she would need to get that approval from the County Council.

### **HIGHWAY**

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with the department's monthly report.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton updated the Commissioners regarding Bridge 1 and the 900 N paving progress.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised the Commissioners he had an employee give his two-week notice. Sitton asked permission from the Commissioners to post for the position and hire after the two-week period. Ron Jarman moved to allow posting and hiring for the position. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **SHERIFF**

- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners regarding his department's training hours.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that deputies were involved in a motorcycle pursuit that spanned through several counties and then ended when the offender crashed and then fled on foot and is currently still at large. A 2015 Dodge Charger sustained minimal damage during the pursuit.

### **AUDITOR**

- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Commissioners Deputy Daniel Meyer would like to obtain the title to a boat and trailer that had been given to the Sheriff Department. County Attorney Leigh Morning advised the Commissioners if the boat and trailer has a value of \$1000.00 or more, they would have to sell them or auction it off. Mark Bacon would like to get values of the boat and trailer before moving forward.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with an updated County Credit Card Policy for approval. Ron Jarman moved to approve the

updated County Credit Card Policy. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with a Third-Party Authorization form for the Anderson Township Regional Sewer District Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Master Plan for signatures. Ron Jarman moved to sign the Third-Party Authorization form. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with an Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/ Update Report form for the Anderson Township Regional Sewer District Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Master Plan for signatures. Ron Jarman moved to sign the Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with a CDBG Signature Page for the Anderson Township Regional Sewer District Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Master Plan for signatures. Ron Jarman moved to sign the CDBG Signature Page. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with a Certification of Exemption form for the Anderson Township Regional Sewer District Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Master Plan for signatures. Ron Jarman moved to sign the Certification of Exemption form. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with a Four-Factor Analysis and Language Access Plan form for the Anderson Township Regional Sewer District Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Master Plan for signatures. Kenny Aulbach moved to sign the Four-Factor Analysis and Language Access Plan. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested the Commissioners give their recommendation for employee raises for 2025. FSG previously had a 2% increase figured over the next five (5) years. Ron Jarman made a motion to recommend a 2% raise for all county employees for 2025. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice discussed the Ambulance Contracts with the Commissioners. The commissioners have received proposals from the City of Rushville and Anderson Volunteer Fire Department. Nothing has been submitted for Raleigh Volunteer Fire Department. More discussion will be held during the May 17, 2024, budget workshop for the commissioners.

### MISC

- Mark Bacon informed the Commissioners that the Solid Waste Office had been cleaned out and Clerk Angie Buckley will now use that room to store the voting machines instead of building a closet within the assembly room.

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