

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

### **June 3, 2024**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 3, 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 May 17, 2024, were presented. Ron Jarman moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **CLAIMS**

- Accounts Payable claims for June 3, 2024, in the amount of \$651,730.26 were presented. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **PAYROLL**

- Payroll for June 7, 2024, in the amount of \$252,863.91 was presented. Ron Jarman moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **RECORDER**

- Recorder Debbie Richardson requested the Commissioners approve a proposal with US Imaging to scan official record books on-site with document index services. US Imaging is requesting 24-hour access for up to seven (7) days to scan the books. The total amount for the three (3) phase process is \$111,988.00 and will be paid out of the Recorder Perpetuation Fund. Ron Jarman moved to sign the proposal with US Imaging. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **COURT SERVICES**

- Director Ashley Stevens requested approval from the Commissioners to apply for the Justice Partners Addictions Response Grant in the amount of \$32,000.00 with no county match. The purpose of the grant is to provide financial assistance to local jurisdictions using a Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) approach to enhance collaborative partnerships between the local criminal justice system and behavioral health care providers to address opioid use disorders/substance use disorders. Ron Jarman moved to approve applying for the Justice Partners Addictions Response Grant. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners open enrollment for health insurance is going on through June 14, 2024.
- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners Workforce Harassment and FMLA Training for department heads/supervisors is scheduled for June 26, 2024. It is recommended that the commissioners also receive the training.
- Director Jodi Harr requested approval from the Commissioners to update job descriptions in the Auditor's Office. Ron Jarman moved to update the

Auditor's Office job descriptions. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners she had been working with the Open Resource Center to offer Excel spreadsheet training for county employees. A donation would be accepted in exchange for the training class which would come out of the HR budget. Commissioner Jarman inquired as to the amount of donation. Director Harr stated it would be between \$1,000.00 and \$1,500.00. Ron Jarman moved to approve the Excel training class with the Open Resource Center. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr requested clarification from the Commissioners regarding Advisory Members of the Personnel Committee and the Commissioner appointment to the Personnel Committee. Ron Jarman made a motion to appoint Kenny Aulbach to the Personnel Committee. Seconded by Mark Bacon. Kenny Aulbach accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried. The Commissioners advised Harr to email courthouse employees seeking volunteers for the Courthouse Advisory Member which the Commissioners will appoint at the June 17, 2024, meeting.

### **EMA**

- Director Chuck Kemker requested approval from the Commissioners on an updated mutual aid document. It was taken under advisement until County Attorney Leigh Morning can review.
- Director Chuck Kemker advised the Commissioners that county residents affected by the storms on May 7, 2024, can apply for Small Business Administration Loans.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

- Dixie Meyer advised the Commissioner they found front fender damage to the newly purchased Durango. It is not certain when or how the damage was sustained. Insurance has been notified.

### **HIGHWAY**

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton supplied the Commissioners with the Agreement between Rush County and Pavement Solutions Inc. for the chip and seal 25 miles of Rush County Roads for the 2024-1 Community Crossings Project for approval. Ron Jarman moved to approve the 2024-1 Community Crossing Project with Pavement Solutions Inc. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Mark Bacon advised he had received several requests for county road 1050 S. to be fixed. Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised he would make sure this road is on the list to do this year.
- Melissa Meltzer inquired about the roads in Carthage. Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised Meltzer that Carthage is responsible for maintaining the town roads.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested approval from the Commissioners to apply for the CCMG 2024-2 grant in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 with a county match of \$375,000.00. The purpose of the grant is to hot mix resurface 5 miles of 900 W. from 900 N. to 1200 N. and 100 N. to US 52. Ron Jarman moved to apply for the CCMG 2024-2 grant. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman requested an update from Superintendent Jerry Sitton regarding the property in Falmouth.

## **SHERIFF**

- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners regarding accidents and other year-to-date cases within the county.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners he would like to switch from Nixel to Hyper Reach. Commissioner Ron Jarman questioned if all phone numbers can be switched over otherwise, we should rethink changing companies.
- Sheriff Allan Rice asked Superintendent Jerry Sitton for an update regarding the opening of 450 S. and 365 E. intersection for Bridge 155.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that by year end, he is required to report data out of Spillman to the State. For this deadline to be met, he will need to utilize a deputy to make sure the data is correct.

## **AUDITOR**

- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Commissioners that the remaining ARPA funds must be obligated and have an invoice to be compliant, an ordinance will not be sufficient. Discussion was held regarding balances and if funds could be given again for backpacks for school aged children. The ARPA committee would need to have a meeting to discuss this since it was part of a local grant.

## **MISC**

- Jon York, CEO of the Boys & Girls Club gave a presentation to the Commissioners.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning advised the Commissioners that HEA 1302 requires the County Commissioners to report to Homeland Security by July 15<sup>th</sup> regarding EMS providers within the county.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning provided the Commissioners with the Ambulance Service Agreement between Board of Commissioners and City of Rushville. Ron Jarman moved to approve the Ambulance Service Agreement with the City of Rushville. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Mark Bacon advised the Commissioners he had been approached by Beth Kinman to purchase the property in Milroy where the playhouse was. Commissioner Ron Jarman would like to see the property utilized for new construction and not an empty lot. County Attorney Leigh Morning will check into auctioning off the property.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman updated the Commissioners regarding the approaching deadline for the state's decision regarding NLC4 Fiber.
- Commissioner Kenny Aulbach advised the Commissioners there is a property in Sexton that the grass is overgrown and has semi's sitting on it. He is working on getting this resolved.

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

/Absent/  
Ron Jarman

ATTEST:  
/Tammy Justice/  
Tammy Justice, Auditor