

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

### **June 17, 2024**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 17, 2024, with Commissioners Mark Bacon and Kenny Aulbach present. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Leigh Morning were also present. Commissioner Ron Jarman 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 June 3, 2024, were presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **CLAIMS**

- Accounts Payable claims for June 17, 2024, in the amount of \$897,157.38 were presented. This included the bond payment for the jail in the amount of \$608,500.00 and the courthouse roof bond payment in the amount of \$120,540.00. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **PAYROLL**

- Payroll for June 21, 2024, in the amount of \$246,350.91 was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **SENIOR CENTER**

- Rick Billington advised the Commissioners the Senior Center had been awarded a grant that will help with the installation of a power lift on Bus 62.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

- Director Jodi Harr presented the Commissioners with the stop loss application with Companion Life Insurance for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the stop loss application. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr updated the Commissioners regarding the Excel training workshops being set up with The Open Resource.
- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners she had received five (5) names of employees interested in being a courthouse advisory member for the personnel committee. Those names were taken under advisement.
- Director Jodi Harr updated the Commissioners regarding a challenge to the Department of Labor's decision to raise wages for exempt employees.
- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners she had been approached by a senior at RCHS who is participating in the ICE Program and would like to work in an office setting daily from noon to 3:20 pm. Kenny Aulbach moved to hire the part-time high school student. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **IT**

- Director Randy Herbert advised the Commissioners he had received a quote from Security Automation Systems for the Rush County Jail Security

Control System Upgrade in the amount of \$139,635.00. The servers would also need to be replaced at a cost of \$53,236.00. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to proceed with the security control system upgrade and replacement of the servers. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Director Randy Herbert asked the Commissioners for clarification on submitting invoices for the recent courthouse lightning strike.

### **EMA**

- Director Chuck Kemker presented the Commissioners with the District 6 Mutual Aid Agreement for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the District 6 Mutual Aid Agreement. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **AREA PLANNING**

- Director Mike Holzback presented the Commissioners with a recommendation from the Area Plan Commission to rezone 25 parcels in Milroy from commercial to residential. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the rezone of 25 parcels in Milroy. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **HIGHWAY**

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton supplied the Commissioners with the May monthly Highway report.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton updated the Commissioners on the blade mixing his department is doing.

### **SHERIFF**

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that during the state fire marshal inspection it was discovered the dryer vents were not set up on any preventative maintenance schedule. It was also found that sheet metal screws were used to secure the dryer vents which could potentially cause future problems. Sheriff Rice will have Dustin Case remove the screws and secure the vents with heat safe tape.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners with the expected high temperatures, his department would likely be receiving a high volume of calls.
- Commissioner Mark Bacon advised Sheriff Rice he had received complaints regarding loud music coming from Amish buggies late at night. Commissioner Bacon asked for more patrol on Wednesday and Sunday nights.
- Commissioner Mark Bacon advised Sheriff Rice he had received a complaint regarding abandoned cars in a specific alleyway and would like those vehicles tagged. Sheriff Rice asked for clarification on if Commissioner Bacon would like all abandoned cars in alleyways throughout the County tagged. Commissioner Bacon instructed Sheriff Rice to tag just the current complaint.

### **AUDITOR**

- Auditor Tammy Justice asked the Commissioners for clarification on what they want the \$40,000.00 budgeted out of EDIT funds for the Community Foundation earmarked for. Commissioner Mark Bacon advised they would check to see if these funds need sent.

- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioner with their 2025 budget estimates for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the 2025 budget estimates. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**MISC**

- Mary Griffin asked permission from the Commissioners to close the Offutt Covered Bridge on June 29, 2024, from 2:00 to 3:00 pm for a celebration of life ceremony. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve closing the Offutt Covered Bridge on June 29, 2024, from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Commissioners with ambulance agreements for Raleigh and Anderson Volunteer Fire Departments. Kenny Aulbach moved to accept and sign both ambulance agreements. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Mark Bacon inquired about the Seven Hill detour from Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton. Sitton advised it will be an unofficial detour with INDOT, and INDOT will cover damages.

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

/Mark Bacon/  
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Kenny Aulbach/  
Kenny Aulbach

/Abstain/  
Ron Jarman

ATTEST:  
/Tammy Justice/  
Tammy Justice, Auditor