

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JULY 1, 2024

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 1, 2024, with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Ron Jarman and Kenny Aulbach 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 June 17, 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 July 1, 2024, in the amount of \$447,662.82, were presented. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for July 5, 2024, in the amount of \$248,782.09, was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER

- Treasurer Susan Spaeth advised the Commissioners she emailed the May monthly report to them. Commissioner Bacon inquired on the negative amount on the Statement of Depository Balances at close of May 2024. Treasurer Spaeth indicated it was transactions in transit and they should be cleared up in June.

SENIOR CENTER

- Director Angela Cavaletto indicated that there was no news about the Regional District. Cavaletto updated the Commissioners on the new lift for their bus.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Director Jodi Harr requested permission to advertise for a Highway position and a 911 Full Time position. Ron Jarman made a motion to advertise. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Harr discussed the appointments of the Courthouse, Highway, and Sheriff Personnel Advisory members for the Personnel Committee. Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton indicated the Highway Representative is Linda Ging. Harr asked Sheriff Allan Rice who would be the Sheriff Advisory member and Sheriff Rice indicated he did not have one for the Sheriff Advisory member. Ron Jarman made a motion to appoint April Hatfield as the Courthouse Advisory Member to the Personnel committee.

EMA

- Director Chuck Kemker discussed the report for EMS that is due by July 15, 2024, by the commissioners according to HEA 1302. The Survey was sent to all 3 commissioners back in June. Commissioner Ron Jarman emailed the survey to be reviewed by EMA director Chuck Kemker.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton supplied the Commissioners with the June monthly Highway report.
- Commissioner Bacon inquired about trees hanging over the roadway. Superintendent Sitton indicated that responsibility is with the property owner. Sitton did indicate the Highway Department does trim the trees if it is low enough for them to reach the tree.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice requested a letter of support paid out of the Commissary Fund to the Council for the Fallen Officer signs in the Cemetery in the amount of \$348.75. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve a letter of support to the Council for the Fallen Officer signs in the amount of \$348.75. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Allan Rice requested approval to sell five sheriff vehicles. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve to sell 2012 Dodge Charger, two 2015 Dodge Chargers, 2017 Ford Explorer, 2020 Dodge Durango. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval for the Covered Bridge Certification from the State Comptroller. There are five (5) Covered Bridges in Rush County. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve and sign the Covered Bridge Certification. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice indicated that the grant application for three-utility study for Anderson Township was not funded.

MISC

- Jon York, CEO of the Boys & Girls Club formally requested to be considered in the 2025 Budget.
- Joe Pash, GRP Wegman, presented the Commissioners information about his company that is a family-owned Design Build. GRP Wegman looks at ways to increase Revenue and Reduce operating cost.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Commissioners with Amended Ambulance Agreement for Anderson Volunteer Fire Department. Ron Jarman moved to accept and sign Amended Ambulance Service Agreement for Anderson Volunteer Fire Department. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Commissioners with an Ordinance 2024-3 Prohibiting Commercial Motor Vehicles. This is for Commercial motor vehicles that are prohibited from being operated on County Road 100 West, in northerly and southerly direction between Old State Road 44 and US Highway 52. The Ordinance is in effect for 90 days from its effective date. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve and sign

Ordinance 2024-3 Prohibiting Commercial Motor Vehicles. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Commissioner Ron Jarman held a discussion on the US Marshal IGA Project – Summerill Proposal in the amount of \$28,500.00. The Commissioners and Sheriff would use the LIT Special purpose fund for payment. The County could potentially have \$400,000.00 for housing federal inmates. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the Contract with Summerill. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in Favor. Motion carried.

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

/Mark Bacon/
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Ron Jarman/
Ron Jarman

/Kenny Aulbach/
Kenny Aulbach

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor