

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JULY 15, 2024

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 15, 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 July 1, 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 Executive Session held on July 1, 2024, were also 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 15, 2024, in the amount of \$288,538.95, 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 19, 2024, in the amount of \$252,899.14, was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SENIOR CENTER

- Director Angela Cavaletto clarified the trip denials with the Commissioners. Indicating this report shows INDOT where there are gaps in services within the county.
- Director Angela Cavaletto asked the Commissioner for approval of the second quarter Rural Transit Reimbursement. Ron Jarman moved to sign the quarterly reimbursement. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Director Jodi Harr gave the Commissioners a personnel update.
- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners the personnel committee had made a recommendation to the County Council regarding part-time wages. The motion was made that effective January 1, 2025, Courthouse part-time employees pay be based off the COMOT Scale. Seasonal Courthouse employees to be paid on the Up to \$17.00 per hour scale, motion was seconded and carried.
- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners the Title VI policy needs updated and a coordinator needs to be appointed since the previous coordinator has retired. Ron Jarman moved to appoint Jodi Harr as the Title VI coordinator. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners the Title VI policy requires a statement to be read at all public meetings and public hearings and a survey be made available. These changes will take place going forward.
- Director Jodi Harr requested the Commissioners set August 12, 2024, at 9:15 a.m. for a public hearing on the new Title VI policy.

EMA

- Director Chuck Kemker advised the Commissioners the EMS survey was completed and submitted on Friday, July 12, 2024.
- Director Chuck Kemker updated the Commissioners on recent storm damage within the county.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Dixie Meyer updated the Commissioners on the Hidden in Plain Sight trailer that was at the county fair. Meyer also updated the Commissioners on the backpacks for the back-to-school event the Health Department is participating in.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton asked the Commissioners to sign a letter of commitment for the Community Crossing Grant. Ron Jarman moved to sign the commitment letter. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioner regarding fair week.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners regarding an upcoming mediation hearing.
- Sheriff Allan Rice gave the Commissioners a vehicle update as well as an update regarding the dryer vents at the jail.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Commissioners an email had been received from Travelers Insurance Company recommending a policy be in place for contractors performing hot work. County Attorney Leigh Morning advised Justice that Traveler's need to be more specific in what they are requiring in this policy.

MISC

- County Attorney Leigh Morning advised the Commissioners to move forward with Dr. Sickbert's property she would need to obtain appraisals from two (2) different appraisers. Ron Jarman would like her to work with Commissioner Aulbach since that is his line of expertise. Ron Jarman made a motion to move forward with obtaining appraisals. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman thanked the Auditor and Auditor's Office for helping get information needed for the US Marshal project.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman updated the Commissioners on Broadband and advised that the County Council had approved ARPA funds to be used to proceed with the middle mile fiber infrastructure. Commissioner Jarman would like the Commissioners consent for the fiber board to move forward. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to have the fiber board move forward with

the middle mile fiber infrastructure. Seconded by Mark Bacon. 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