

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JULY 29, 2024

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 29, 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 15, 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 July 29, 2024, in the amount of \$503,143.73, were presented. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for August 2, 2024, in the amount of \$245,024.51, was presented. Ron Jarman moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER

- Treasurer Susan Spaeth advised the Commissioners the June month end reports had been emailed to them.
- Treasurer Susan Spaeth advised the Commissioners the Rush County Tax Sale date had to be moved to October 4, 2024, due to a conflict with previous date.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Dixie Meyer advised the Commissioners the Rush County Health Board is allowing the environmentalist vehicle to be used as a take home vehicle. Commissioner Jarman clarified that a fringe benefit would be put on the employee's pay for the benefit.
- Dixie Meyer advised the Commissioners the Rush County Council had approved a temporary part-time nurse at \$25.00 per hour.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with an LPA Consulting Contract with United Consulting for the replacement of Bridge #125 in the amount of \$316,420.00. Commissioner Jarman inquired on the grading committee used for selecting vendors. Ron Jarman moved to approve the LPA Consulting Contract with United Consulting. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with Resolution 2024-4 Authorizing Financing for Tandem Axle Dump Trucks in the amount of \$1,159,746.72 with an interest rate of 4.778% through US Bancorp. Kenny Aulbach moved to sign Resolution 2024-4. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with the US Bancorp use statement for signatures. Ron Jarman moved to sign the use statement. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioner with US Bank lease proposal for the lease of 6 tandem dump trucks. Ron Jarman moved to sign the lease proposal. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners there were 48 inmates in the jail.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners he had received a resignation letter from Deputy Bobby Peck.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners regarding the federal inmates.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman advised he is working with Sheriff Allan Rice on a new contract. Once details are worked out, it will be forwarded to County Attorney Leigh Morning for review.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman discussed mapping software for Fire/EMS stating he believed the cost could be paid out of 911 funds. Sheriff Rice will investigate moving forward with the software.
- Sheriff Allan Rice requested the Commissioners keep Vigo County in their thoughts and prayers as they laid their Sheriff to rest.
- Sheriff Allan Rice gave the Commissioners a vehicle update.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Commissioners the courthouse postage machine needs upgraded and moved from the Treasurer's office to the Clerk's office. Ron Jarman moved to sign the purchase agreement and move the machine to the Clerk's office. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Commissioners the grant for Anderson Township Regional Sewer District was not funded. Justice presented the Commissioners with a Resolution Authorizing Application Submission and Local Match Commitment along with the application signature form for the next round. Ron Jarman moved to sign both the Resolution Authorizing Application Submission and Local Match Commitment form along with the application signature form. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Auditor Tammy Justice for Director Jodi Harr presented the Commissioners with a summary and modifications notice to the Rush County Employee Health Insurance. Ron Jarman moved to sign the acceptance page. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice for Director Jodi Harr presented the Commissioners with an Amendment to the State of Indiana Public Employee Deferred Compensation Plan Adoption Agreement. If signed it would allow a Roth 457 option to be added to the plan. Ron Jarman moved to allow the Roth 457 option to be added to the plan effective July 29, 2024. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MISC

- Kenneth Dierckman of DBROTHERSGRAIN, LLC asked the Commissioners to vacate several alleys in the town of Milroy. Ron Jarman moved to set a public hearing for the vacation of the alleys for August 26, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried. Dierckman also advised the Commissioners that some of his property is zoned as residential and needs to be manufacturing. Area Plan Director Mike Holzback advised the Area Plan Board will be hearing this at their next meeting.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Commissioners with an Engagement for Legal Services with Barnes & Thornburg to represent Rush County with an IRS audit on the Jail Building Corporation Lease Rental Revenue Bonds. Kenny Aulbach moved to sign the Engagement for Legal Services letter with Barnes & Thornburg. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Mark Bacon advised the Commissioners of the possibility of OCRA funds being available for ADA purposes in the future.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman advised the Commissioners he had received two (2) quotes for landscaping the west entrance of the courthouse. N&S Cleaning Service submitted a quote of \$2,220.00 which would consist of placement of river rock, and planters to be filled yearly. Vogel's Florist & Landscaping submitted a quote of \$4,410.00 which consists of a variety of plants that would bloom throughout the seasons, along with river rock and shrubbery. Kenny Aulbach moved to accept the quote by Vogel's Florist & Landscaping. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman thanked Jeff Wilson for bush hogging the lot in Milroy.

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

/Absent/
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Ron Jarman/
Ron Jarman

/Kenny Aulbach/
Kenny Aulbach

ATTEST:
/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor