

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 12, 2024

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 12, 2024, with Commissioners Ron Jarman and Kenny Aulbach present. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Leigh Morning were also present. Commissioner Mark Bacon was not present.

Ron Jarman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge to the American Flag and afterwards read the I Speak statement to the public.

MINUTES

- Minutes of the Regular Session held on July 29, 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 August 12, 2024, in the amount of \$264,765.11, 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 16, 2024, in the amount of \$244,347.92, was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AREA PLAN

- Director Mike Holzback presented the Commissioners with a recommendation from the Area Plan Commission to rezone a portion of parcel #70-14-12-466-001.000-001 in Milroy from Residential to Manufacturing. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the rezone. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Mike Holzback requested the Commissioners extend the moratorium on industrial solar installations until January 2026, which is an additional 12 months. Ron Jarman asked for clarification on what the APC defines as industrial solar. Discussion was held regarding the wording of the first moratorium and if “industrial” was used. Ron Jarman asked County Attorney Leigh Morning to review the current moratorium and advise, stating it’s hard to put a moratorium on something that does not state “industrial”.

Kenny Aulbach moved to recess the regular session at 9:15 a.m. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ron Jarman called the public hearing for Title VI to order at 9:15 a.m.

TITLE VI

- HR Director Jodi Harr presented the Commissioners with an amended Title VI Plan and Ordinance 2024-5 for approval.

With no questions or remarks from the public, Ron Jarman moved to close the public hearing for Title VI. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ron Jarman reconvened the regular session at 9:22 a.m.

- Kenny Aulbach moved to approve and sign the amended Title VI plan and Ordinance 2024-5. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners that 14 of the 20 open excel spots at the Open Resource have been filled.
- Director Jodi Harr updated the Commissioners on the FMLA & Harassment Training.
- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners the personnel committee had met and made the following recommendation: Any Rush County Employee, including elected officials, who will be driving a vehicle that is owned by Rush County must have an annual Motor Vehicle Records Check on file with the Human Resources Department. The employee, including elected officials, is responsible for obtaining the motor vehicle check and sending it to HR. Employees of the Rush County Highway Department and Rush County Sheriff's Department are to follow Motor Vehicle Records checks policy set by each of their departments. Commissioner Jarman felt like the policy should be consistent for all Rush County Employees. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the Motor Vehicle recommendation from the personnel committee. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr also discussed with the Commissioners that the personnel committee would like Bliss McKnight to be considered as the county's liability carrier. Auditor Tammy Justice will contact McGowan's to come to a meeting to discuss.
- Director Jodi Harr presented the Commissioners with two (2) job descriptions for approval which are the full-time cook at the jail and the part-time LPN in the Health Department. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the two (2) job descriptions. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners there were 49 inmates in the jail.
- Sheriff Allan Rice gave the Commissioners training and qualification updates on his department.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners on the federal inmate project.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with the Highway July monthly report.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton gave the Commissioners an update on bridges and covered bridges.

MISC

- Anna Lux from Shelby County Soil & Water requested in-kind services support from the Commissioners for the Little Blue River Watershed. The request was taken under advisement until the August 26, 2024, meeting.

- Commissioner Ron Jarman advised they had met with Architura and RQAW architects for the courthouse renovation. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve RQAW for the courthouse renovation. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Kenny Aulbach addressed concerns of the courthouse postage machine being placed on the first floor of the courthouse. Ron Jarman stated since it is equipment, the IT department should oversee it. Kenny Aulbach moved to rescind the motion from the July 29, 2024, meeting placing postage machine in the Clerk's Office. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried. The Commissioners will locate an office to house the postage machine and make them aware that IT will oversee the machine.

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

/Abstain/
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Ron Jarman/
Ron Jarman

/Kenny Aulbach/
Kenny Aulbach

ATTEST:

/Heather Carlton/
Heather Carlton, Auditor Assistant