

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 26, 2024

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 26, 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 and afterwards read the I Speak statement to the public.

MINUTES

- Due to Mark Bacon needing to abstain and Ron Jarman not being present the minutes of the Regular Session held on August 12, 2024, will be presented at the September 9, 2024, meeting.

CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable claims for August 26, 2024, in the amount of \$264,166.70, were presented. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for August 30, 2024, in the amount of \$242,877.44, was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SENIOR CENTER

- Director Angela Cavaletto advised the Commissioners the Senior Center Board is moving forward with relocating the Center to the Love Community Center.
- Director Angela Cavaletto gave the Commissioners a grant update.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Director Jodi Harr presented the Commissioners with the McGowan Broker Compensation Disclosure for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the Broker Compensation Disclosure. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr presented the Commissioners with a Business Associate Contract between Rush County and McGowan Insurance Group for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the Business Associate Contract. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners she had been working with Lisa Carpenter and Chuck Kemker regarding heavy trash. They proposed departments bring any heavy trash on Thursday, September 26, 2024, between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to a trailer on the north side of the courthouse. Harr will work with Community Corrections to see if anyone needing community service can help take the trash to Smiley Avenue after 2:00 p.m. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the proposal. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners the job description for the IT Director needs updated and the IT assistant job description needs created.

- Director Jodi Harr updated the Commissioners regarding training videos for employees.
- Director Jodi Harr discussed with the Commissioners the possibility of offering a program through Grand Canyon University to county employees who could then receive 10% off tuition.
- Director Jodi Harr discussed comp time hours and make up holiday hours with the Commissioners.

TREASURER

- Treasurer Susan Spaeth advised the Commissioners the July month end reports had been sent to them.
- Treasurer Susan Spaeth updated the Commissioners on the upcoming tax sale stating there are currently 39 parcels still eligible for sale.

CLERK

- Clerk Angie Buckley presented the Commissioners with a certified mail service agreement with Pitney Bowes for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to sign the agreement. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners on the recent K-9 golf outing.
- Sheriff Allan Rice gave the Commissioners a training update on his department.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners on the merit deputy open position.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners regarding the new vehicle security system status.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with INDOT final acceptance for Bridge 127 for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve and sign INDOT Bridge 127 final acceptance. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with US Bancorp lease paperwork for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve and sign the US Bancorp lease paperwork. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mark Bacon called the public hearing for Alley Vacation to order at 9:30 a.m.

VACATED ALLEY

- Kenneth Dierckman of DBROTHERSGRAIN, LLC, requested the vacation of an East-West alley running along the North sides of Lots Numbered 5,6,7 and 8 in the I.P. Root & A.K. Smith Addition to the Town of Milroy. A North-South alley running between Lots Numbered 6 and 7 and its extension thereof to the North side of an East-West alley in the I.P. Root & A.K. Smith Addition to the Town of Milroy.

With no questions or remarks from the public, Kenny Aulbach moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mark Bacon reconvened the regular session at 9:35 a.m.

- Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the vacation of an East-West alley running along the North sides of Lots Numbered 5,6,7 and 8 in the I.P. Root & A.K. Smith Addition to the Town of Milroy. A North-South alley running between Lots Numbered 6 and 7 and its extension thereof to the North side of an East-West alley in the I.P. Root & A.K. Smith Addition to the Town of Milroy. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with amended 2025 Drainage Board, Commissioner and Cum Cap budgets for approval. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the amended 2025 budgets. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with an Affidavit of Destroyed or Removed Property for 202 S. Pleasant Street, Milroy for the Assessor's Office for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve and sign the Affidavit of Destroyed or Removed Property. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested the Commissioners sign five (5) sold vehicle titles from the Sheriff Department. Kenny Aulbach moved to sign the titles. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MISC

- Chris May with the Community Foundation requested the Commissioners sign a letter of commitment/support for the Lilly Endowment Grant. Kenny Aulbach moved to sign the letter. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Commissioners with a Notice to Bidders for Fiber Optics and Related Materials for approval. Discussion was held regarding certain language needed in bid since it involves federal funds. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to advertise for the bids. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning requested clarification from the Commissioners as to what fund they were going to use to purchase Dr. Sickert's building. Commissioner Bacon stated Cum Cap would probably be used.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning updated the Commissioners regarding the solar moratorium issue.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning discussed not signing a contract for federal inmates until after the IRS audit is completed with the Commissioners. Receiving federal funding for inmates could possibly change the status of our tax-exempt jail bonds affecting those who purchased the bonds.
- Melissa Meltzer advised the Commissioners complaints had been made regarding the owner of Studebaker Gym in Manilla working on vehicles in the middle of the roadway. The Sheriff is aware of the problem, and she was instructed to continue to contact the Sheriff Department with the complaints.
- Pamela Marine presented the Commissioners with paperwork to vacate an alley.

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

/Mark Bacon
Mark Bacon, Chairman

/Abstain/
Ron Jarman

/Kenny Aulbach/
Kenny Aulbach

ATTEST:

/Heather Carlton/
Heather Carlton, Auditor Assistant