

## **REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **September 09, 2024**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, September 09, 2024, with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Ron Jarman and Kenny Aulbach present. County Attorney Leigh Morning was also present. Auditor Tammy Justice 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**

- Minutes of the Regular Session held on August 12, 2024, were presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Minutes of the Regular Session held on August 26, 2024, were presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **CLAIMS**

- Accounts Payable claims for September 09, 2024, in the amount of \$488,360.06, were presented. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **PAYROLL**

- Payroll for September 13, 2024, in the amount of \$242,212.94, was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER**

- Treasurer Susan Spaeth presented the Commissioners with a credit card agreement with Autoagent Data Solutions, LLC for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve and sign the agreement. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **HIGHWAY**

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with the monthly report for August.

### **SHERIFF**

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners there are 42 inmates currently in the jail.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners regarding several fundraisers going on for the K-9 fund.
- Sheriff Allan Rice gave the Commissioners a vehicle update.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners an offer of employment had been made for the open merit deputy position.

### **AUDITOR**

- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton presented the Commissioners with Ordinance 2024-6 vacating 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 for signatures. This vacation had been approved after the public hearing on August 26, 2024.

- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton presented the Commissioners with the Sheriff's Salary Contract for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to sign the Sheriff's Salary Contract. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton presented the Commissioners with a purchase agreement for Dr. Sickbert's property located at 620 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville in the amount of \$300,000.00 for approval. Ron Jarman moved to table the agreement. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton requested the Commissioners approval of an agreement with Plymate for the courthouse mat service. Ron Jarman requested we reach out to Cintas and receive a quote from them.
- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton requested the Commissioners ratify Mark Bacon's signature on a letter of support given to the Shelby Co. SWCD for the Little Blue River Watershed grant. Ron Jarman moved to ratify signature. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton requested clarification from the Commissioners regarding the 2025 Christmas Holiday for the 2025 calendar. Discussion was held. Ron Jarman moved to give the employees Christmas Eve and Christmas Day off as in past years. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### MISC

- John McCane with Rush County ECDC updated the Commissioners on Diamond Pet Foods, and the 16<sup>th</sup> street housing project. McCane also gave an update on the Love Community Center and introduced Zuzana Smith as the newly hired director for the center.
- John McCane with Rush County ECDC requested the Commissioners support to sponsor a Brownfield Assessment Grant with zero (0) county match. Ron Jarman moved to be lead on grant. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Pamela Marine requested the Commissioners vacate an alley that attaches to her property located at 2306 N. 700 W. Arlington. Ron Jarman moved to set a public hearing for the vacation of the alley for October 7, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Kenny Aulbach advised the Commissioners that Brian Rogers had resigned his four (4) year term to the South Henry Regional Waste District Board and Tyler Hellums was willing to serve. Ron Jarman moved to appoint Tyler Hellums to the four (4) year term to serve as the Mays Representative on the South Henry Regional Waste District Board of Directors. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Ron Jarman updated the Commissioners on fiber.
- Mark Bacon requested an update on the concrete work around the courthouse. Commissioner Jarman stated they needed to get with Envoy to draw up a contract for the work.

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

/Absent/  
Kenny Aulbach

ATTEST:  
/Tammy Justice/  
Tammy Justice, Auditor