

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS October 7, 2024

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, October 7, 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.

Mark Bacon read the I Speak statement to the public

MINUTES

- Minutes of the Regular Session held on September 23, 2024, were presented. Ron Jarman moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable claims for October 7, 2024, in the amount of \$831,308.73, were presented. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for October 11, 2024, in the amount of \$245,652.21, was presented. Ron Jarman moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

H.R.

HR Director Jodi Harr introduced Jill Hadley with Grand Canyon University – online division. The program is designed for working students, to take one class at a time while they are working. Rush County employees would be entitled to a 10% discount; however, if they also qualified for a scholarship, they would receive whichever benefit is greater, they cannot stack both benefits. There is no cost to Rush County. Ron Jarman moved to approve the agreement with Grand Canyon University. Kenny Aulbach seconded the motion, All were in favor and the motion carried.

APC/BZA

- Director Mike Holzback presented the Comprehensive Plan. The APC held a public hearing on the new plan last week. Ron Jarman moved to approve the Comprehensive Plan as presented. Kenny Aulbach seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.
- The Director presented nine (9) parcels in Falmouth that were zoned commercial and that they are asking to be rezoned residential. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the change in zoning from commercial to residential. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor and the motion carried.

- Director Holzback presented a change in the language to Section 7.11.2 in the Zoning Ordinance. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the change. The motion died for lack of a second. The members of the Commissioners had not seen this language before the meeting. The Commissioners will revisit this change at their next meeting.

ECDC

John McCane presented a grant application for brownfield remediation. There is no county match for this grant. Ron Jarman moved to approve the grant application. Kenny Aulbach seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Rice informed the Commissioners that the Department was selling Texas Roadhouse rolls and butter, and gift cards, as a fundraiser for the new canine. They are also going to host a car show. On October 19, 2024, the RCSD and the county volunteer fire departments will host a trunk or treat for the area children. There was a leak in the cold water loop, and Dustin Case is working with Choice Mechanical to fix that issue.

At 9:30 a.m. the Commissioners recessed the meeting to hold a public meeting on vacating an alley in Arlington, Indiana. After receiving no public comment, Ron Jarman moved to close the public hearing, and Kenny Aulbach seconded the motion. The hearing was closed. Kenny Aulbach moved to close the alley and to adopt the Ordinance closing the alley. Ron Jarman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised the Commissioners that Asphalt Materials would roll over their emulsion bid for 2025, resulting in the same price for 2024 being paid in 2025. Ron Jarman moved to roll over the bid. Kenny Aulbach seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.
- Jerry Sitton presented his September 2024 monthly report.

AUDITOR

- The Ordinance to close the alley in Milroy as requested by DbrosGrain LLC was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to adopt the Ordinance. Ron Jarman seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- The Allowable Costs policy was presented. Ron Jarman moved to adopt the Allowable Costs Policy. Kenny Aulbach seconded the motion. The motion carried.

MISC

- Ron Jarman advised he is still waiting on information from Cintas.

- Ron Jarman moved to appoint Karen Brashaber to the Library Board. Kenny Aulbach seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- The Kids of Carthage requested to close Goose Road for a hayride on October 19, 2024. Ron Jarman moved to grant them permission to close the road. Kenny Aulbach seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- Ron Jarman moved to accept the bids from the Galloway Group for the handholds at \$525.00 each, for a total of \$26,250.00. Kenny Aulbach seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Ron Jarman moved to accept the bid from the Galloway Group for OFS 144 Microfiber at \$0.98 per foot, for a total of \$62,328.00. Kenny Aulbach seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- It was noted that the contract with QPH has expired. Dustin Case is working with Choice Mechanical on the startup of the boilers.
- A topo utility survey of the courthouse needs to be ordered. RQAW will meet with the department heads to get a list of their wants and needs.
- Discussion was held concerning the responsibility of painting the crosswalk between the parking lot by the jail and the courthouse.

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