

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS December 2, 2024

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 2, 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 November 18, 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 December 2, 2024, in the amount of \$930,484.78, were presented. This included payments for the jail lease and the courthouse roof. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for December 6, 2024, in the amount of \$247,433.65, was presented. Ron Jarman moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Director Jodi Harr requested permission from the Commissioners to advertise to hire several positions. IV-D Assistant Administrator in the Prosecutor's Office, Election Clerk in the Clerk's Office, Sheriff Road Deputy with the Sheriff Department and a jail officer at the Jail. Ron Jarman moved to advertise for the positions. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr requested permission from the Commissioners to advertise, if needed, for a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney once the Superior Court Judge position is announced. Ron Jarman motioned that permission would be granted through email if advertising is needed. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr requested approval to remove from the personnel policy the introductory period of 10% pay reduction for new merit deputies. Ron Jarman made a motion to remove the introductory period. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried. Ron Jarman inquired how often the personnel policy would be updated. Director Harr advised it should be done every five (5) years unless updates are required.

EXTENSION

- Carly Holland presented the Commissioners with the Extension Contractual Services Agreement with Purdue University for approval. This agreement is in the amount of \$51,940.00 for two (2) educators. Ron Jarman inquired about regionalization of the educator position, stating a study had been done. Holland advised that no one has advised that the position would go regional, but if that were to happen Purdue would work with the county to refund.

Ron Jarman moved to sign the 2025 Extension Contractual Service Agreement. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

EMA

- Director Chuck Kemker updated the Commissioners regarding the pre-application hold for the BRIC Grant.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners regarding a joint task force effort with the FBI on November 7, 2024, where the suspect was peacefully taken into custody.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners the final night shoots at the range would be held on December 4, 2024, and December 11, 2024.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that December 20, 2024, would be the second annual meet Santa event at the jail.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with a 2024 road inventory mileage submittal letter to INDOT for approval. Ron Jarman moved to sign the letter. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with the Highway monthly report for November.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton presented the Commissioners with the snow removal and salt application quote from Vogel's Florist and Landscaping LLC for November 2024 through November 2025 for approval. Ron Jarman moved to approve the quote. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton was instructed to send a certified letter to Plymate regarding their service agreement.

MISC

- Kenny Aulbach inquired from the Commissioners if they were ready to sign a purchase agreement for the Senior Citizens Center building located at 504 W. 3rd Street, Rushville. Ron Jarman made a motion to sign a purchase agreement for \$200,000.00 to be paid out of Cum Cap. Seconded by Mark Bacon. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Mark Bacon requested an update from the Commissioner on the ARPA funds. Ron Jarman stated interviews would be taking place for fiber vendors and the shipment for the hand holds has gone out.
- Kenny Aulbach advised the Commissioners that Senior Citizens Director Angela Cavelleto would be present at the next meeting due to having an emergency today.

2025 BIDS

At 9:30 a.m. the Commissioners opened the following bids:

- Highway Crushed Stone
 - Bids were received from New Point Stone Co. Inc. for the Derbyshire Quarry and the St. Paul Quarry and US Aggregates.
 - Jerry Sitton recommends accepting all bids based on geographic area.
 - Ron Jarman made a motion to accept bids based on geographic area from New Point Stone Co. for both the Derbyshire and St. Paul Quarry's. Kenny Aulbach seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Highway Crushed Gravel
 - Bids were received from Irving Materials Inc.
 - Jerry Sitton recommends accepting all bids based on geographic area.
 - Ron Jarman made a motion to accept all bids for geographic area. Kenny Aulbach seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Regular Commissioner meeting reconvened at 9:37 a.m.

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:

/Heather Carlton/
Heather Carlton, Auditor Assistant