

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS December 30, 2024

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 30, 2024, with Commissioners Mark Bacon, Ron Jarman and Kenny Aulbach present. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Leigh Morning were also 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 December 16, 2024, were presented. Ron Jarman moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Minutes of the Special Session held on December 20, 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 December 30, 2024, in the amount of \$350,158.58, were presented. Ron Jarman made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for January 3, 2025, in the amount of \$254,745.59, was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER

- Treasurer Susan Spaeth advised the Commissioners the annual Board of Finance meeting is set for January 13, 2025.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice requested approval from the Commissioners to encumber \$73,086.48 out of the capital outlays line in his LIT budget 114-40031-00000-0000. Ron Jarman moved to allow the encumbrance. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners on staff changes within his departments.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton requested the approval of the following public official bonds: Coroner, Scott Medd. Ron Jarman moved to approve. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. Treasurer, Susan Spaeth. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve. Seconded by Ron Jarman. Prosecutor, Phil Caviness. Ron Jarman moved to approve. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. Soil and Water, Joyce Miller. Ron Jarman moved to approve. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. Auditor, Tammy Justice. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve. Seconded by Ron Jarman. Assessor, Mary Ann Bridges. Ron Jarman moved to approve. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. Sheriff, Allan Rice. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve. Seconded by Ron Jarman. Recorder,

Debbie Richardson. Ron Jarman moved to approve. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. Surveyor, Marvin Rees. Ron Jarman moved to approve. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. Deputy Treasurer, Melissa Fizer. Ron Jarman moved to approve. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. Prosecutor Investigator, Kristen Hass. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve. Seconded by Ron Jarman. Rush County Redevelopment Commission. Ron Jarman moved to approve. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. Rush County Community Correction Department. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve. Seconded by Ron Jarman. Public Employee Blanket Bond. Ron Jarman moved to approve. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motions carried.

- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton presented the Commissioners with the Janitorial Services Agreement between Rush County Commissioners and Gilliam Janitorial Services in the amount of \$65,559.00 for the year for approval. Ron Jarman moved to approve the agreement with Gilliam Janitorial Services. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

2025 APPOINTMENTS

- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton presented the Commissioners with the recommendations from the Health Board to re-appoint Michael Justice and Dr. Jonathan LeSar to the County Board of Health. Kenny Aulbach moved to re-appoint Michael Justice and Dr. Jonathan LeSar to the County Health Board. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Alcoholic Beverage Board – Ron Jarman moved to retain Josh Toennesen. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Area Plan Commission, citizen appointment to a four (4) year term - Kenny Aulbach moved to retain Justin Orme. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney - Letter of interest received by Morning Law Office. Kenny Aulbach moved to retain Morning Law Office. Seconded by Mark Bacon. Ron Jarman abstained. Motion carried.
- Board of Review – Ron Jarman moved to retain Kathy Dean and Kevin Snyder. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Board of Zoning Appeals – Ron Jarman moved to retain Virgil Bremer. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Custodial Service – Letter of interest received by Gilliam Janitorial. Ron Jarman moved to retain Gilliam Janitorial. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Highway Superintendent – Letter of interest received by Jerry Sitton. Ron Jarman moved to retain Jerry Sitton. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- EMA Director – Letter of interest received by Chuck Kemker. Kenny Aulbach moved to retain Chuck Kemker. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- RMH Hospital Board – Letters of interest were received by Michelle Herbert and John Byrne. Ron Jarman moved to appoint Michelle Herbert to the RMH Hospital Board. Seconded by Mark Bacon. Kenny Aulbach opposed. Motion carried.
- ICAP – Ron Jarman moved to retain Paul Wilinon. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Community Corrections Board – Ron Jarman moved to advertise for this appointment. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Eastern Indiana Regional Planning – Ron Jarman moved to advertise for this appointment. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mark Bacon recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:30 a.m. to open Highway bids for CCMG 2024-2.

- Highway bid for CCMG 2024-2 Paving 900 N.
 - Milestone Contractors - \$1,136,829.15
 - Globe Asphalt Paving - \$1,114,974.90
 - Dave Omara - \$887,844.65
 - Baumgartner Asphalt - \$1,219,421.00
 - Paul H. Rhoe, Inc - \$986,242.85
 - All Star Paving, Inc - \$1,191,707.45
 - Midwest Paving LLC - \$981,558.00
 - Grady Brothers, Inc - \$1,414,019.59

Jerry Sitton recommends taking all bids under advisement until 1st meeting in January. Ron Jarman moved to take all bids under advisement. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

MISC

- County Attorney Leigh Morning and Rush County Community Foundation Director Chris May presented the Commissioners with a letter and an agreement between Rush County and Rush County Community Foundation for a grant in the amount of \$87,431.61 for broadband for the Commissioners approval. Ron Jarman moved to sign the agreement. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning presented the Commissioners with A Resolution of the County Commissioners of Rush County, Indiana, Adopting Indiana Code 5-23 ET SEQ for approval. Ron Jarman moved to table signing the resolution until the first meeting in January. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Ron Jarman presented Mark Bacon with a plaque and recognized him for the 12 years of service as Rush County Commissioner. Mark Bacon addressed the room stating it was an honor to serve Rush County for the past 12 years.

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

/Ron Jarman/
Ron Jarman

/Kenny Aulbach/
Kenny Aulbach

/Abstain/
Jeffery Wilson

ATTEST:
/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor