

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 28, 2025

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 28, 2025, with Commissioners Ron Jarman and Kenny Aulbach present. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Grant Reeves were also present. Commissioner Jeff Wilson was not present.

Ron Jarman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge to the American Flag.

MINUTES

- Minutes of the Regular Session held on July 14, 2025, were presented. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts payable claims for July 28, 2025, in the amount of \$358,551.07 were presented. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the claims. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for August 1, 2025, in the amount of \$263,316.31, was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SENIOR CENTER

- Director Angela Cavaletto presented the Commissioners with a purchase order for the bus replacement in the amount of \$103,288.00 to be reimbursed from the federal grant, for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve and sign the request for federal capital funds. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Dixie Meyer requested approval from the Commissioners to trade in the 2016 Dodge Journey and 2016 Nissan Truck for two (2) 2025 Jeep Compass's for a total of \$55,000.00. Fletcher Chrysler Jeep Dodge will offer trade-in amounts of \$5,000.00 for the Dodge Journey and \$13,000.00 for the Nissan Truck. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the purchase of the two (2) Jeep Compass's. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried. Kenny Aulbach moved to trade the 2016 Nissan Truck and sign the title. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried. Kenny Aulbach moved to trade the 2016 Dodge Journey and sign the title. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Dixie Meyer updated the Commissioners regarding the sign for the 504 W. 3rd street building.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested a directive from the Commissioners regarding a US Census Construction Progress Reporting Survey she received. County Attorney Grant Reeves will continue to research whether this survey is mandatory or not.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners on the Security Automated Service update.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners of ongoing AC issues at the jail.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners another jailer had resigned, and he would need to hire for those open positions.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested permission from the Commissioners to advertise for two (2) vacant driver positions. Kenny Aulbach moved to advertise for the two (2) driver positions. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised the Commissioners that the hot water heater at the highway garage had gone out and was replaced with a commercial water heater at around \$7,000.00.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton updated the Commissioners on the summer mixing projects as well as the covered bridge status.

MISC

- Commissioner Ron Jarman requested the Commissioners ratify the certificate of appointment appointing Carole Yeend to the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission Board (EIRPC). Kenny Aulbach moved to sign the certificate of appointment. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman gave a Broadband update.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves advised the Commissioners he had requested a timeline for the courthouse landscaping and concrete projects from the vendors. Once that timeline is received the contracts would be ok to make a motion on. Kenny Aulbach moved to sign the courthouse landscaping and concrete contracts contingent on the timeline requirements set out. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves advised the Commissioners the minutes needed to reflect the total for the bid submitted by ADA Consulting was for three (3) tasks totaling \$138,600.00 and not \$98,800.00. After reviewing both submitted bids, Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton feels ADA Consulting would be the best choice. Commissioner Ron Jarman asked if this was something that could be budgeted for in 2026 and not have to expend this year. However, to comply, Title VI must be completed in 2025 to not lose our federal funding. Kenny Aulbach moved to accept the ADA Consulting bid and start negotiations. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

/Ron Jarman/
Ron Jarman

/Kenny Aulbach/
Kenny Aulbach

/Abstain/
Jeffery Wilson

ATTEST:
/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor