

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 13, 2026

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 13, 2026, with Commissioners Ron Jarman, Jeff Wilson and Kenny Aulbach present. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Grant Reeves were also present.

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

Ron Jarman extended his condolences to the family of Gene Wood, who is Jeremy Wood's father and Tammy Justice's uncle, on his passing.

MINUTES

- Minutes of the Regular Session held on June 29, 2026, were presented. Jeff Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts payable claims for July 13, 2026, in the amount of \$635,666.85 were presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the claims. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for July 17, 2026, in the amount of \$284,557.24 was presented. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the payroll claims. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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- Chris Plough requested approval from the Commissioners for a GIS Data Sharing Agreement with Motorola Solutions. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the GIS Data Sharing Agreement. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

EXTENSION

- Carly Holland discussed with the Commissioners the value of Purdue Extension as well as the community impact for the 2025-2026 year. Holland advised the Commissioners that their investment in the new regional model would start in January 2027 and would include over 20 educators/specialists that would provide services to Rush County. Holland advised the Commissioners that she would no longer be in the role of community development however her role would now be centered around health and human services and grant writing. Holland introduced Becky Marvel who discussed the regional transformation of the extension office and what services will look like with this transformation. Ron Jarman discussed with Marvel the fact that Rush County would be paying around \$42,000 more for the regional restructure in order for Purdue to save money. Holland advised Jarman that extension is a government resource and runs on funding from federal, state and local government not Purdue.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Director Jodi Harr requested approval from the Commissioners for the Pharmacy Services Agreement with TrueScripts as our third-party pharmacy administrator as well as the Pharmacy Benefits. Jeff Wilson moved to approve and sign both the pharmacy services agreement and the pharmacy benefits. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with the Treasurer's June report.

HIGHWAY

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

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that the current population in the jail is 48 with 19 of those being federal inmates.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners on training hours in all of his departments as well as the hiring of Dakota Moore and Ben Ott as road deputies.
- Ron Jarman discussed with Sheriff Allan Rice a report from Choice Mechanical regarding boiler issues at the jail as well as the invoice provided to correct the issues. Jeff Wilson moved to sign the quote with Choice Mechanical. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

EMA

- Director Chuck Kemker advised the Commissioners that he had received the denial letters for last year's SHSP grant proposals. Kemker stated that this year's SHSP grants would now be considered.

TREASURER

- Treasurer Susan Spaeth advised the Commissioners she had sent them the June financial report.
- Treasurer Susan Spaeth advised the Commissioners she had certified 64 parcels on July 1st for tax sale. Spaeth stated her office had sent out around 500 delinquent letters as well.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Dixie Meyer updated the Commissioners regarding the move to the annex building. Ron Jarman gave a fiber update to the annex building as well.

DATA CENTERS

- Jeff Wilson advised the Commissioners that after speaking with APC members, he would like to make a motion to send a referral to the APC Board to extend the moratorium on data centers for an additional six (6) months. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried. County Attorney Grant Reeves advised that the APC Board would need to set the matter for a public hearing.

MISC

- Molly Marcuson introduced herself to the Commissioners as the new OCRA liaison.
- Jeff Wilson updated the Commissioners regarding the ongoing Lilly Gift VIII blight projects throughout the county.

Kenny Aulbach made a motion to adjourn. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. motion carried.

/Ron Jarman/
Ron Jarman

/Absent/
Kenny Aulbach

/Jeff Wilson/
Jeffery Wilson

ATTEST:
/Heather Carlton/
Heather Carlton, Auditor Assistant