

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 8, 2026

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, September 8, 2026, with Commissioners Ron Jarman, Jeff Wilson and Kenny Aulbach present. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Grant Reeves were 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 August 24, 2026, were presented. Jeff Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. Ron Jarman abstained. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts payable claims for September 8, 2026, in the amount of \$376,836.60 were presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the claims. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for September 11, 2026, in the amount of \$266,349.21 was presented. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the payroll claims. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

- Director Debbie O'Neil introduced herself to the Commissioners and requested approval for the second quarter reports that had previously been signed by Kenny Aulbach. Jeff Wilson moved to ratify Kenny Aulbach's signature on the quarter reports. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Debbie O'Neil discussed the importance of the Ride Rush program with the Commissioners and gave statistics of the program.

COURT SERVICES

- Director Ashley Stevens requested approval from the Commissioners to apply for the Justice Partners Addictions Response Grant in the amount of \$65,000.00 with no county match. Jeff Wilson moved to apply for the grant. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton presented the Commissioners with the Treasurer's monthly report for August.
- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton presented the Commissioners with the 2027 Rush County Calendar for approval which was tabled until next meeting.
- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton requested the Commissioners ratify Ron Jarman's signature on the CDBG grant letter for Anderson Township Regional Sewer District. Kenny Aulbach moved to ratify Ron Jarman's signature. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton requested the Commissioners ratify Ron Jarman's signature on a letter to DNR for Anderson Township Regional

Sewer District. Jeff Wilson moved to ratify Ron Jarman's signature. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised the Commissioners that he signed the contract with USI due to a deadline. Sitton advised the Commissioners that in January we would need a contract with a vendor to make sure all requirements are met for Title VI and ADA.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners that she had sent them quotes for updating the personnel policy. The Commissioners will explore vendors at their upcoming conference before deciding.
- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners that Lucas Johnson is requesting to do a blood drive and possibly set up the location in the jail parking lot. 25 individuals must be willing to give blood, so Harr will send out an email to see if she can get 25 people interested before responding to Johnson.
- Director Jodi Harr updated the Commissioners on employee openings throughout the county.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Dixie Meyer advised the Commissioners that the part-time food inspector had resigned. Meyer stated that in looking at her budget for 2027, she would like to combine the part-time food inspector and part-time vital records position. Meyer requested approval from the Commissioners to advertise for that position. Jeff Wilson moved to advertise for the open position. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Dixie Meyer discussed with the Commissioners the key cards for the annex building not currently working.
- Dixie Meyer advised the Commissioners that the grand opening of the annex building would be September 28, 2026, and that Cain Signs is currently working on the signage for the door.

TREASURER

- Treasurer Susan Spaeth advised the Commissioners that she had sent the August monthly report to them.
- Treasurer Susan Spaeth advised the Commissioners that the 2026 tax sale would be held in the jail training room on October 2, 2026.

EXTENSION

- Regional Representative Becky Marvel updated the Commissioners regarding the Extension programs. Marvel also presented the Commissioners with pamphlets on Recovery Funding as well as American Citizen Planner.

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

/Ron Jarman/
Ron Jarman

/Absent/
Kenny Aulbach

Jeff Wilson/
Jeffery Wilson

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/

Tammy Justice, Auditor