

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS January 13, 2025

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, January 13, 2025, with Commissioners Ron Jarman, Kenny Aulbach and Jeffery Wilson present. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Leigh Morning were also present.

Ron Jarman 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.

Commissioner Ron Jarman called for the 2025 organization of the Board of Commissioners. Kenny Aulbach made the motion to appoint Ron Jarman as Chairman to the Commissioners. Seconded by Jeffery Wilson. Ron Jarman accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ron Jarman made a motion to appoint Kenny Aulbach as Vice Chairman. Jeffery Wilson Seconded. Kenny Aulbach accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MINUTES

- Minutes of the Regular Session held on December 30, 2024, were presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Ron Jarman. Jeffery Wilson abstained. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable claims for January 13, 2025, in the amount of \$524,080.26, were presented. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Jeffery Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for January 17, 2025, in the amount of \$248,572.67, was presented. Jeffery Wilson moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with a 2025 consulting agreement with Financial Solutions Group for approval. The cost is not to exceed \$25,000.00. It was noted the agreement had increased from 2024 by \$2,000.00. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the 2025 consulting agreement with FSG. Seconded by Jeffery Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with Public Official Bonds for Jennifer Sammons and Kelly Piles for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve both public official bonds. Seconded by Jeffery Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with a Supplementary Commercial Automobile Application with Travelers Insurance for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the Supplementary Commercial Automobile Application. Seconded by Jeffery Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with the Interlocal Agreement By and Between City of Rushville and County of Rush for

transfer of 911 funds in the amount of \$136,968.00 from the County to the City for dispatch salaries for approval. Jeffery Wilson moved to approve and sign the interlocal agreement. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Director Jodi Harr requested clarification from the Commissioners regarding snow make up days. Harr read the personnel policy regarding emergency closing of a work facility to the Commissioners. Harr advised the Commissioners that employees at the jail are asking her how to claim the snow days in AOD and that the Highway employees are asking for extra days off as well. The Commissioners asked Sheriff Allan Rice and Hwy Superintendent Jerry Sitton their thoughts regarding the issue. Rice would like to see his employees compensated just like the courthouse employees. Sitton stated his employees are requesting two (2) additional days off. Discussion was held. Kenny Aulbach moved that if an employee worked during closed status, they would receive an extra vacation day. With a lack of a second, the motion died. Ron Jarman stated that a personnel policy committee meeting should be called as soon as possible. Jeffery Wilson advised he was stuck on the verbiage within the policy stating “facility”. Kenny Aulbach moved to send the issue to the personnel policy for a recommendation. Seconded by Jeffery Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried. Director Jodi Harr asked the Commissioners if there was a need to take the issue to the personnel committee since Kenny, Allan and Jerry sit on the committee and has expressed they all want the employees compensated. Motion stands.
- Director Jodi Harr requested permission from the Commissioners to advertise for a Superior Court Administrator position. Kenny Aulbach moved to advertise. Seconded by Jeffery Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Kenny Aulbach moved to recess the regular Commissioner meeting at 9:30 a.m. Seconded by Jeffery Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

BOARD OF FINANCE

- Ron Jarman called the Annual Board of Finance meeting to order at 9:30 am. The first order of business was to elect the 2025 officers. Motion was made by Kenny Aulbach to appoint Ron Jarman as president and Treasurer Susan Spaeth as Secretary of the Board of Finance. Seconded by Jeffery Wilson. Both Ron Jarman and Susan Spaeth accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Treasurer Susan Spaeth presented the Commissioners with the Rush County, Indiana Investment Policy for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to sign the investment policy. Seconded by Jeffery Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Treasurer Susan Spaeth went over the financial reports with the Commissioners.

Motion to adjourn the annual Board of Finance meeting was made by Kenny Aulbach. Seconded by Jeffery Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Kenny Aulbach moved to reconvene the regular Commissioner meeting at 9:35 am. Seconded by Jeffery Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLERK

- Clerk Jennifer Sammons presented the Commissioners with the 2025 Infinity Voting System Annual Maintenance Agreement for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to sign the 2025 maintenance agreement. Seconded by Jeffery Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman inquired about the certification on election redistricting. Clerk Jennifer Sammons stated that Rush County did not redistrict, and the Commissioners need to certify that.

TREASURER

- Treasurer Susan Spaeth gave the Commissioners the December monthly financial report.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Dixie Meyer requested approval from the Commissioners to reapply for the Narcan Grant requesting 200 doses of Narcan. Kenny Aulbach moved to sign the Narcan grant proposal. Seconded by Jeffery Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Dixie Meyer advised the Commissioners the Health Department is partnering with Clean Green Rush for sharps containers. The Health Department will be a pick up location for new containers.

EMA

- Director Chuck Kemker requested the Commissioners ratify the Local Disaster Emergency Declaration issued for dangerous weather conditions beginning on Sunday, January 5, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. and lasting through January 7, 2025. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve and sign the Local Disaster Emergency Declaration. Seconded by Jeffery Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised the Commissioners the lowest bid submitted by Dave Omara for the CCMG 2024-2 paving of 900 N. could be accepted. Kenny Aulbach moved to accept Dave Omara's bid. Seconded by Jeffery Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton supplied Commissioner Ron Jarman with INDOT's signature page for electronic signature.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton supplied the Commissioners with the Highway's December report.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton supplied the Commissioners with a report for 2025 showing the federal aid projects.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton updated the Commissioners on trucks that are down along with an update on the amount of sand that has been used for January.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton gave the Commissioners an update of the 1st Covered Bridge.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice introduced Chief Deputy Doug Keith to the Commissioners.

- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners regarding vehicle repairs and 2024 departmental training hours.

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

- County Attorney Leigh Morning advised the Commissioners the deed for the Senior Citizen Center located at 504 W. 3rd Street, Rushville is completed but waiting on the completion of the sales disclosure form.
- It was also noted that Commissioner Kenny Aulbach filed a conflict-of-interest form with the state regarding the Senior Citizen Center.

MISC

- Ron Jarman presented Brenda McMahan with a plaque and recognized her for the four years of service as Rush County Coroner.
- Ron Jarman presented Jodi Harr with a plaque and recognized her dedication to Rush County as Auditor and Treasurer.
- Jeffery Wilson advised the Commissioners he was still negotiating the Plymate contract.
- Commissioners discussed the soon to be vacated County Attorney position. Kenny Aulbach moved to have County Attorney Leigh Morning draft a letter that will be sent out to all attorneys within the County. Seconded by Jeffery Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Steve Ruble from STRAND Assoc. presented the Commissioners with an agreement for engineering services for the Milroy Water Utility Infrastructure Study Project for approval. Jeffery Wilson moved to sign the agreement for engineering services with STRAND Assoc. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Leigh Morning advised the Commissioners the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$87,000.00 with a local match of \$10,000.00 to be paid by Anderson Township Regional Sewer District needs to be approved and signed. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve and sign the CDBG. Seconded by Jeffery Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioners discussed increasing the deductible for property insurance to \$10,000.00. Kenny Aulbach moved to increase the deductible. Seconded by Jeffery Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

/Ron Jarman/
Ron Jarman

/Kenny Aulbach/
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/Jeffery Wilson/
Jeffery Wilson

ATTEST:
/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor