

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 24, 2025

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 24, 2025, with Commissioners Ron Jarman, Kenny Aulbach and Jeff Wilson 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 and advised the public the I Speak statement is now posted for the public.

MINUTES

- Minutes of the Regular Session held on February 10, 2025, were presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable claims for February 24, 2025, in the amount of \$316,432.94 were presented. Jeff Wilson made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for February 28, 2025, in the amount of \$260,253.09, was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AREA PLAN

- Director Mike Holzback presented the Commissioners with a favorable recommendation from the Rush County Area Plan Board to amend the Rush County Zoning Ordinance in section 7.11.4 for approval. Jeff Wilson made a motion to approve the language change to the Rush County Zoning Ordinance. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Commissioners they would need to appoint an additional layperson and a commissioner to the Community Correction Board. Ron Jarman moved to appoint Jeff Wilson as the commissioner to serve on the Community Correction Board. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried. Ron Jarman requested the Auditor advertise again for the layperson appointment to the Community Correction Board.
- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Commissioners they would need to ratify the following appointments to the Community Correction Board. Aimee Jenkins as Probation Officer, Jeffrey Bradley as Juvenile Probation Officer, Superintendent Jim Jameson as Administrator and Amanda Mullins as Mental Health. Kenny Aulbach moved to ratify those appointments. Seconded by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with Amendment No. 1 to the Rush County Stormwater Improvements. This amendment increases the engineer's fees by \$7,000.00 from \$20,000.00 to \$27,000.00 to provide additional support for the BRIC grant application. Kenny Aulbach moved to

approve and sign Amendment No. 1. Seconded by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Commissioners there will be a joint meeting with the Council, Commissioners and FSG on March 12, 2025, to discuss the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan and future budgets. Justice advised the Commissioners that FSG requested estimated costs and timing of certain projects. Commissioner Jarman stated figures had been given previously to FSG and they had not given a financial plan regarding projects.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with the annual operational report for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve and sign the annual operational report. Seconded by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice gave the Commissioners a status update regarding the new deputies and their training.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners regarding leaks in the jail roof.

TREASURER

- Treasurer Susan Spaeth advised the Commissioners she had emailed the January monthly reports to them.

MISC

- County Attorney Grant Reeves recommended the Commissioners name an alternate to the Economic Development Commission. Kenny Aulbach moved to appoint Ron Jarman as an alternate. Seconded by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Steve Marsden president of the Rush County Conservation Club introduced himself to the Commissioners and advised he would like to increase awareness of the club and what they offer.
- Zach Tucker Posey Township Fire Chief and Head of the Fire Chief Association introduced himself to the Commissioners stating his willingness to have open communication between the commissioners and himself.

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

/Ron Jarman/
Ron Jarman

/Kenny Aulbach/
Kenny Aulbach

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Jeffery Wilson

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor