

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS March 10, 2025

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 10, 2025, with Commissioners Ron Jarman and Kenny Aulbach present. Jeff Wilson present by Teams. 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.

MINUTES

- Minutes of the Regular Session held on February 24, 2025, were presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Jeff Wilson. Roll Call Kenny Aulbach Aye, Jeff Wilson Aye, Ron Jarman Aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable claims for March 10, 2025, in the amount of \$372,398.42 were presented. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Jeff Wilson. Roll Call Kenny Aulbach Aye, Jeff Wilson Aye, Ron Jarman Aye. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for March 14, 2025, in the amount of \$263,045.62, was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Jeff Wilson. Roll Call Kenny Aulbach Aye, Jeff Wilson Aye, Ron Jarman Aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners the department would be doing a K9 demo at the Amish school on March 19, 2025.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners regarding upcoming K9 fundraisers.
- Sheriff Allan Rice requested an update from the Commissioners regarding the sale of nicotine patches in commissary, for inmates, that was previously tabled. The topic will be revisited once all commissioners are present.

RIDE RUSH

- Angela Cavaletto advised the Commissioners that INDOT has made a change to the 2025 grant that would allow the Senior Center to be their own pass-through entity. Cavaletto advised the Commissioners that the Senior Center Board has recommended staying with the County as the pass-through entity and requested the Commissioners approve the amendment. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to reappoint Rush County as the pass-through entity. Seconded by Ron Jarman. Roll Call Kenny Aulbach Aye, Jeff Wilson Aye, Ron Jarman Aye. Motion carried.

AREA PLAN

- Director Mike Holzback presented the Commissioners with a favorable recommendation from the Rush County Area Plan Commission to correct the zoning map to residential instead of commercial for 20 parcels in Glenwood. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the change from commercial

to residential. Seconded by Jeff Wilson. Roll Call Kenny Aulbach Aye, Jeff Wilson Aye, Ron Jarman Aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with the February financial reports for his department.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman inquired what projects are expected to be paid out in 2025. Sitton advised the only project would be Community Crossing project for paving.

CLERK

- Clerk Jenny Sammons spoke to the Commissioners regarding redistricting for election purposes. Commissioner Ron Jarman advised he would contact the Commissioners Executive Director with the state to inquire what needs done.
- Clerk Jenny Sammons inquired if the crosswalk between the courthouse and jail parking lot would be painted. Human Resource Director Jodi Harr advised the city would be painting in the spring.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners the employee health fair for all part-time and full-time employees will be April 2, 2025.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval from the Commissioners for the 2025 lawn service agreement with N&S Cleaning for the courthouse lawn and the jail and parking lots. Kenny Aulbach moved to accept the agreement with N&S Cleaning. Seconded by Ron Jarman. Roll Call Kenny Aulbach Aye, Jeff Wilson Aye, Ron Jarman Aye. Motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Dixie Meyer updated the Commissioners regarding testing being offered by the Health Department due to the Health 1st Indiana Funds.

MISC

- Parker Fletcher, outreach representative, from Attorney General Todd Rokita's office gave an overview to the Commissioners of what the Attorney General's office does. Fletcher also spoke about unclaimed property for Indiana residents and left pamphlets on how to claim any unclaimed property.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves presented the Commissioners with an Order to Re-Establish the Rush County Drainage Board for approval. Reeves advised the Board shall now consist of five (5) voting members, which will include the three (3) commissioners and two (2) citizen freeholding landowners that are knowledgeable in drainage matters. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the Order to Re-Establish the Rush County Drainage Board with the citizen appointment being a three (3) year and two (2) year term. Seconded by Jeff Wilson. Roll Call Kenny Aulbach Aye, Jeff Wilson Aye, Ron Jarman Aye. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves discussed the re-establishment of the Cum Cap and Cum Bridge rates with the Commissioners. This topic will be brought up at the joint meeting with the Council and Commissioners on March 12, 2025.

- Commissioner Kenny Aulbach requested an update regarding the boat that Sheriff Deputy Daniel Meyer is housing for the Sheriff Department. Meyer is interested in possibly purchasing the boat depending on what the Commissioners are going to do with it. County Attorney Grant Reeves will look at the disposition and get back with the Commissioners.

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

/Abstain/
Jeffery Wilson

ATTEST:

/Heather Carlton/
Heather Carlton, Auditor Assistant