

## **REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **March 24, 2025**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 24, 2025, with Commissioners Ron Jarman, Kenny Aulbach and Jeff Wilson present. County Attorney Grant Reeves was also present. Auditor Tammy Justice was 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 March 10, 2025, were presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Ron Jarman. Jeff Wilson abstained. Motion carried.

#### **CLAIMS**

- Accounts Payable claims for March 24, 2025, in the amount of \$130,688.20 were presented. Jeff Wilson made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### **PAYROLL**

- Payroll for March 28, 2025, in the amount of \$262,864.52, was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### **RIDE RUSH**

- Angela Cavaletto presented the Commissioners with a de-obligation letter of federal and state transit funds in the amount of \$33,357.00 for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the de-obligation letter. Seconded by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Angela Cavaletto presented the Commissioners with an INDOT 5339 Motor Vehicle Purchase Agreement for a small transit vehicle in the amount of \$121,515.00 with a local share of \$18,227.25 for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the purchase agreement. Seconded by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### **AUDITOR**

- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton presented the Commissioners with Travelers Change Endorsement adding the property at 503 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Rushville, to the policy for approval. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the Travelers Change Endorsement. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton requested guidance from the Commissioners regarding advertising for the additional two (2) Drainage Board Members. Jeff Wilson moved to advertise for the additional members. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried. Letters of interest are to be submitted to the Auditor's office by April 4, 2025, and presented to the Commissioners on April 7, 2025.
- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton presented the Commissioners with the Plymate Service Agreement that was negotiated by Commissioner Jeff Wilson for approval. Jeff Wilson moved to approve and sign the service

agreement. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton advised the Commissioners no letters of interest were submitted for the Community Correction Board Appointment. Commissioners advised they would continue to search for interested individuals.

### **COURT SERVICES**

- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton for Director Ashley Stevens requested approval from the Commissioners to apply for the 2025 IOCS Problem Solving Courts Grant in the amount of \$14,000.00 with no county match. The purpose of the grant is to provide financial assistance to certified problem-solving courts. Jeff Wilson moved to approve applying for the 2025 IOCS Problem Solving Courts Grant. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton for Director Ashley Stevens requested approval from the Commissioners to apply for the Community Corrections & Justice Reinvestment Grants in the amount of \$348,287.00 with no county match. The purpose of the grant would be to fund grant fund 9104, DC grant fund 9114 and Pretrial grant fund 9125. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve applying for the Community Corrections & Justice Reinvestment Grants. Seconded by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton for Director Ashley Stevens requested approval from the Commissioners to apply for the IOCS Pretrial Grants CY 2026 in the amount of \$81,710.00 with no county match. The purpose of the grant is to provide financial assistance to certified pretrial service agencies. Jeff Wilson moved to approve applying for the IOCS Pretrial Grants CY 2026. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton for Director Ashley Stevens presented the Commissioners with a letter of support for the IDOC grant proposal for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve and sign the letter of support. Seconded by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **IT**

- Director Randy Herbert presented the Commissioners with a quote from Motorola Solutions to add GIS longitude and latitude mapping to the E911 dispatch software for an amount of \$52,603.60 for approval. Sheriff Allan Rice is in favor of this added service. Jeff Wilson moved to approve and sign the Motorola quote. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Randy Herbert advised the Commissioners that INdigital is no longer allowing local IT personnel to replace the 911 equipment. All 911 equipment must now be replaced every five (5) years through INdigital. The first year's cost would be approximately \$78,412.23 with \$18,777.00 due annually for years two (2) through five (5). Ron Jarman would like the quote to be broken out between the City and County.

### **TREASURER**

- Treasurer Susan Spaeth advised the Commissioner tax statements would be mailed on April 3, 2025.

## EMA

- Director Chuck Kemker updated the Commissioners regarding recent area storms.

## SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners regarding new patrol vehicles as well as department training with area schools on active shooter protocols.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners there was an issue with back up power to radios during recent storms.

## HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton updated the Commissioners regarding the covered bridge placement.

## SUPERIOR COURT

- Judge Morning advised the Commissioners that her courtroom and office temperatures were quite cold as well as some circuits had tripped in her offices.

## MISC

- Chris May with the Rush County Community Foundation requested approval for an agreement with HWC Engineering for a UDO (Unified Development Ordinance) which will be in line with Rush County's comprehensive plan. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the agreement with HWC. Seconded by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Chris May updated the Commissioners on blighted projects and advised there would be a public meeting on April 16, 2025, regarding the OCRA grant program for property rehabilitation.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves advised the Commissioners he is working on the recertification for the election districts, which has no change.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman personally thanked all individuals who were called out to work after the recent storms.
- Resolution 2025-1, A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Rush County, Indiana, Making Findings and Approving the Financing of Economic Development Facilities was discussed between the Commissioners, County Attorney Grant Reeves and Bond Council Jimmy Shanahan. Jackie Angle addressed the Commissioners regarding her questions and concerns relating to the bond issuance for Hulsbosch Farms LLC. Angle requested the Commissioners pause before signing and do additional research. Bond Council Jimmy Shanahan addressed Mrs. Angle's questions and concerns. After discussing, Kenny Aulbach moved to sign Resolution 2025-1. Seconded by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held amongst the Commissioners regarding the resignation of Dustin Case who had been contracted for Maintenance work and repairs. Jeff Wilson moved to hire Dustin Reynolds to replace Dustin Case. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- The Commissioners gave an update on the remodel of 503 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street for the Health Department.

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

/Ron Jarman/  
Ron Jarman

/Absent/  
Kenny Aulbach

/Jeff Wilson/  
Jeffery Wilson

ATTEST:  
/Tammy Justice/  
Tammy Justice, Auditor

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