

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 7, 2025

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 7, 2025, with Commissioners Ron Jarman, and Jeff Wilson present. Commissioner Kenny Aulbach was present at 9:07 a.m. County Attorney Grant Reeves was also present. Auditor Tammy Justice was 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 24, 2025, were presented. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Ron Jarman. Kenny Aulbach was not present for approval of minutes. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts Payable claims for April 7, 2025, in the amount of \$562,750.72 were presented. Jeff Wilson made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Kenny Aulbach was not present for approval of Accounts Payable claims. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for April 11, 2025, in the amount of \$261,647.34, was presented. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Ron Jarman. Kenny Aulbach was not present for approval of the Payroll Claims. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PROSECUTOR

- Deputy Prosecutor David Thompson is seeking approval for the Prosecutor's Felony Diversion program grant application in the amount of \$27,085.00. There is no match. Jeff Wilson made a motion to approve the grant application. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

RIDE RUSH

- Angela Cavaletto requested the Commissioners approval to leave the Repeater and Tower at the old Senior Center Building. To move it would be costly. Discussion was held on the liability of the repeater and tower. Angela indicated that the Senior Center would need a letter from the Commissioners to be able to insure on their insurance. Jeff Wilson made a motion to retain the Repeater and Tower at the Building. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried. Jeff Wilson made a motion to sign a letter of approval for the insurance company. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. Motion carried. Angela Cavaletto will provide the letter to the Commissioners to sign.

CLERK

- Clerk Jenny Sammons is seeking approval to re-designate Rush County as a Vote Center County. Jeff Wilson made a motion to approve and sign the Resolution approving the Designation of Rush County as a Vote Center County. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. Jeff Wilson made a motion to

approve and sign an Ordinance Defining County Council Election Districts of Rush County, Indiana. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with a Data Sharing Agreement from Rockford Map. Rockford Map wants the parcel shapefile data with attribute data including parcel numbers, owner names, acreage, and mailing address. The data will be used for the plat book project for the Extension Office. Jeff Wilson made a motion to approve the Data Sharing Agreement. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioner with the Independent Contractor Contract for Maintenance for Dustin Reynolds. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the Contract. Seconded by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice notified the Commissioners that she received 2 lay person letters of interest for Rush County Drainage Board. Jeff Wilson made a motion to appoint Tom Mahan and Douglas Hall to the Rush County Drainage Board. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER

- Treasurer Susan Spaeth advised the Commissioner that tax statements were sent out in the mail on April 3, 2025.

EMA

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

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners on Training Classes.
- Sheriff Rice indicated the Jail had a Water leak in the boilers and Choice Mechanical has been contacted for repairs.
- Sheriff Rice discussed that they have on for the 2025 Durango's equipped and in service.
- Brittany Beckner and Barb McMahan presented the Commissioners to offer Tobacco Free Nicotine pouches through the Commissary. Jeff Wilson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried. Commissioner Ron Jarman requested a report after 3 months.
- Sheriff Rice discussed an opportunity to house ICE Felons. Discussion was held. Commissioner Jarman indicated that since the IRS Audit from the Jail Bond Audit was ok then we are continuing the processing for housing federal inmates. Sheriff Rice indicated some concern with Federal Inmates being not segregated compared to the ICE felons that would be segregated. Commissioner Jarman will investigate the matter.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners the Highway's Monthly Reports.

MISC

- Commissioner Jarman indicated that the BRIC Grant was closed or put on hold. Chuck Kempker will investigate the matter to clarify.
- Commissioner Jarman received a quote from Rosfeld Electric for the Courthouse Generator in the amount of \$76,590.00. Discussion was held on the old Generator. Chuck Kemker indicated he could use it. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the quote from Rosfeld Electric to upgrade the courthouse generator. Seconded by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried. Commissioner Jarman will contact Rosfeld to see if we could store the old Courthouse Unit at Rosfeld Electric.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kenny Aulbach. 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