

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

### **May 5, 2025**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, May 5, 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.

Regular Commissioner meeting was recessed at 9:01 a.m. and public hearing opened for the CDBG Owner Occupied Rehab Grant Application in the amount of \$500,000.00 with \$125,000.00 match being funded by the Rush County Community Foundation. Hearing no comments from the public, Kenny Aulbach moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Jeff Wilson moved to re-convene the regular Commissioner meeting at 9:08 a.m. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **MINUTES**

- Jeff Wilson moved to rescind the motion to approve the Joint Session Minutes from March 12, 2025, due to Kenny Aulbach not being present at the meeting yet seconded the motion to accept the minutes on April 21, 2025. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the Joint Session Minutes from March 12, 2025. Seconded by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Minutes of the Regular Session held on April 21, 2025, were presented. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **CLAIMS**

- Accounts Payable claims for May 5, 2025, in the amount of \$223,028.31 were presented. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **PAYROLL**

- Payroll for May 9, 2025, in the amount of \$263,003.59, was presented. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the payroll claims. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **COURT SERVICES**

- Director Ashley Stevens requested approval from the Commissioners for a Professional Services Contract between Rush County Court Services and Brittnee Hillebrand as a Certified Recovery Specialist. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the contract. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **SENIOR CENTER**

- Director Angela Cavaletto requested approval from the Commissioners for the first quarter Section 5311 Rural Transit grant reimbursement in the amount of \$44,589.00. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the first quarter grant

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

- Director Angela Cavaletto requested approval from the Commissioners to apply for the 2026 Section 5311 Rural Transit Grant in the amount of \$149,723.00 with a county match of \$10,000.00 for operating assistance. Jeff Wilson moved to apply for the 2026 Section 5311 Rural Transit Grant. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Angela Cavaletto presented the Commissioners with Resolution 2025-4A, A Resolution authorizing the filing of a CY2026 application for a grant under Section 5311/5339 of the Federal Transit Act, as well as certifications and assurances, and Section 5311 Pass-through Agreement for Rural Public Transportation for approval and signatures. Jeff Wilson moved to sign all documents. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Angela Cavaletto updated the Commissioners on the increased attendance and community participation since moving to the Love Community Center.

### **SHERIFF**

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners the jail inspection report shows a staffing analysis is needed.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners regarding repairs on the water heaters and the air conditioning unit for the dispatch area.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners Road Deputy Cody Russell graduated from the academy and is now actively on duty.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that a part-time town marshal had been hired for Carthage.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that the Sheriff Department pension plan company is currently being bought out by a new company, and he will update as he receives further information.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners regarding a recent cocaine bust that included units from Rush County, Shelby County, ICE and the FBI.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners it is time to renew the PHI contract for Rush County Employees who are non-county residents. The cost to the County would be \$55.00 per person for the year. Harr stated there are about 20 non-county resident employees. Jeff Wilson moved to approve renewal for the non-county resident employees. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr requested the Commissioners make a recommendation as to the pay of the two (2) newly appointed drainage board members and the effective date of the pay as well as who would be completing the payroll claim. Jeff Wilson moved to pay the two (2) new drainage board members \$86.30 per meeting, effective May 5, 2025. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried. The commissioners would work with the Auditor's office regarding the payroll claim.

### **MISC**

- County Attorney Grant Reeves, along with Victoria Bechert from SIRPC requested approval from the Commissioners for Resolution 2025-5, a Resolution Authorizing Application Submission for the CDBG Owner

Occupied Rehab Grant. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve Resolution 2025-5. Seconded by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Victoria Bechert requested approval of Rush County Fund Balances to submit with the CDBG Grant application from the Commissioners. Jeff Wilson moved to approve and have Commissioner President Ron Jarman sign the fund balances. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Kenny Aulbach addressed the elevator expansion of the Falmouth Farm Supply in Glenwood with the intent to keep the public informed. Denny Richardson, Gaila Carr and Virgil Bremer gave their public opinions regarding the expansion.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves presented the Commissioners with Request for Proposals for landscaping and construction services for the courthouse grounds for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the RFP's and advertise with a deadline of June 2, 2025. Seconded by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves advised the Commissioners there is a small portion of land north of the clinic in Milroy that Rush Memorial would like to be deeded to the Hospital Board so a billboard could be put up. Jeff Wilson moved to transfer the deed from the Rush County Commissioners to the Hospital Board. Seconded by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

/Ron Jarman/  
Ron Jarman

/Kenny Aulbach/  
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ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/  
Tammy Justice, Auditor