

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

### **May 19, 2025**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, May 19, 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.

### **MINUTES**

- Minutes of the Regular Session held on May 5, 2025, were presented. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Minutes of the Joint Session with the Council held on May 5, 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 May 19, 2025, in the amount of \$757,186.67 were presented. This included a \$475,000.00 payment to Ninestar. Jeff Wilson made a motion to approve the claims. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **PAYROLL**

- Payroll for May 23, 2025, in the amount of \$265,944.95, 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 updated language to the Rush County Zoning Ordinance in the alternative energy solar section 6.3.1 and a total replacement of the solar ordinance section 6.3.16 for their approval. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the changes to the Rush County Zoning Ordinance. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **SHERIFF**

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that canine Xara is retiring, and Sgt. Brent Horton would like to accept the canine as a companion animal. Sheriff Rice presented the Commissioners with an agreement between the Board of Commissioners and Sgt. Brent Horton for the release of Xara. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the release of the canine to Sgt. Brent Horton. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried. Auditor Tammy Justice reminded Rice to turn in a fixed asset form removing Xara from the county's assets.
- Sheriff Allan Rice gave an update to the Commissioners regarding vehicles and an issue with the water management system at the jail.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners Barb McMahan had stepped down as jail commander and that spot had been filled by Mari Proffitt.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

- Director Jodi Harr updated the Commissioners regarding the county's health insurance renewal stating there had been several high claims in 2024, however, the health insurance committee opted to not raise employee's premiums.
- Director Jodi Harr requested the Commissioner ratify Ron Jarman's signature on the Standard Stop Loss Disclosure Form for Companion Life as well as Xchange Benefits. Kenny Aulbach moved to ratify Ron Jarman's signature of the two (2) Stop Loss Forms. Seconded by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr presented the Commissioners with an Organ & Transplant Policy for approval. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the Organ & Transplant Policy. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **EMA**

- Director Chuck Kemker updated the Commissioners regarding the purchase of CPR equipment.
- Director Chuck Kemker advised the Commissioners the courthouse generator will run but will not stay running. A technician will be out to fix the issue.

## **TREASURER**

- Treasurer Susan Spaeth advised the Commissioners that the April financial reports had been emailed to them.
- Treasurer Susan Spaeth updated the Commissioners regarding the closing of the County's Flagstar account and opening of the USLA account for grant purposes.

## **IT**

- Director Randy Herbert advised the Commissioners there is an issue with GIS mapping. The addresses are not current after switching from Manatron to LOW tax software. Herbert stated Schneider can update the geo database for around \$1,500.00, which Herbert can pay for out of his budget. Ron Jarman advised he would need a contract or agreement to sign for Schneider to do the update. Kenny Aulbach moved to sign the agreement. Seconded by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried. Ron Jarman advised that the agreement states a one-time setup fee of \$1,200.00 with a yearly maintenance fee of \$1,800.00 to be paid out of the IT budget.

Kenny Aulbach moved to recess the regular session to hold a public hearing on a vacated alley request. Seconded by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ron Jarman called the public hearing for Alley Vacation to order at 9:30 a.m.

## **VACATED ALLEY**

- Dylan Legere of Countyline Estates LLC requested the vacation of an alley located in Milroy, Rush County, Indiana, said alley running east and west and being 12 feet wide and 262 feet long between Lot 32 and Lot 33 in I.P. Root Heirs Addition.

With no questions or remarks from the public, Jeff Wilson moved to close the public hearing. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ron Jarman reconvened the regular session at 9:33 a.m.

Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the vacation of an alley located in Milroy, Rush County, Indiana, said alley running east and west and being 12 feet wide and 262 feet long between Lot 32 and Lot 33 in I.P. Root Heirs Addition. Seconded by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

- Executive Director Lisa Carpenter requested a recommendation of support from the Commissioners to move forward with the funding of a transfer station. Kenny Aulbach inquired who would maintain the station once it is built. Carpenter advised the solid waste board would determine how it would run and how it would be staffed. Jeff Wilson made a motion to approve sending a favorable recommendation to the council on funding the transfer station. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **MISC**

- Commissioner Ron Jarman advised that there was a mechanical issue with the new chiller and his signature needed ratified on a document with Choice Mechanical. Jeff Wilson moved to ratify Ron Jarman's signature on the Choice Mechanical document. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves advised the Commissioners that the legal description for the Harcourt Industrial Park parcel had been cleared up and the deed along with the resolution that was approved at the May 5, 2025, meeting could now be signed.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman presented a preventative maintenance agreement for the Rush County Jail for 2025 with Choice Mechanical Services for approval. The yearly cost is \$17,896.00 or four (4) payments of \$4,474.00. Jeff Wilson moved to sign the preventative maintenance agreement with Choice Mechanical. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman presented an engagement letter with Baker Tilly Advisory Group to conduct a property tax feasibility analysis on the Glenwood grain bin project as well as the Dairy Farm project in Anderson Township for approval. The total cost would be \$3,000.00. \$1,500.00 per project. Jeff Wilson moved to approve signing the engagement letter with Baker Tilly Advisory Group. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Jeff Wilson advised he had been notified by a homeowner in Williamstown regarding a ditch on his property flooding. Wilson inquired who is responsible for cleaning the ditch. Highway superintendent Jerry Sitton advised that his department has cleaned the ditch out several times as well as removed the brush. Surveyor Marvin Rees advised that this particular ditch is not a Rush County drain.

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

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Ron Jarman

/Kenny Aulbach/  
Kenny Aulbach

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Jeffery Wilson

ATTEST:  
/Tammy Justice/  
Tammy Justice, Auditor