

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

### **June 2, 2025**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 02, 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 19, 2025, were presented. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **CLAIMS**

- Accounts payable claims for June 2, 2025, in the amount of \$992,375.53 were presented. This included the Jail Corp lease payment in the amount of \$609,000.00. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the claims. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **PAYROLL**

- Payroll for June 6, 2025, in the amount of \$264,103.25, was presented. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the payroll claims. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

- Director Jodi Harr presented the Commissioners with renewal documents from Delta Dental for both the low and high plans for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve and sign both renewal documents. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr presented the Commissioners with the PHI Cares Agreement for Rush County Employees who live outside of Rush County for approval. The agreement is for 22 employees at a cost of \$55.00 each for a total of \$1,210.00. Jeff Wilson moved to cover the 22 out-of-county employees for a total of \$1,210.00. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners she had met with Rush County Recreation Center regarding corporate memberships for Rush County Employees. Harr inquired how the commissioners wanted to proceed. Ron Jarman recommended taking the information to the health insurance committee for a recommendation from them.
- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners she had been approached by McGowan Insurance regarding voluntary benefits for Rush County Employees. Ron Jarman recommended having the health insurance committee review and make a recommendation to the commissioners.

### **HIGHWAY**

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with IC 639 acceptance form for Bridge 1 for approval. Jeff Wilson moved to approve and sign the acceptance form for Bridge 1. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with IC 639 acceptance form for Bridge 155 for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve and sign the acceptance form for Bridge 155. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman requested an update from Superintendent Jerry Sitton regarding state bridge funding. Sitton had no update regarding that, however, the funding for the one (1) approved federal job will not be funded due to Title VI and ADA issues not being corrected within the 90-day period.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Highway Department monthly report to the Commissioners.

### **AUDITOR**

- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with their 2026 Budget Form 1's for approval. Jeff Wilson moved to approve and sign the 2026 Budget Form 1. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with their 2026 Budget Form 144's for approval. Jeff Wilson moved to approve and sign the 2026 Budget Form 144. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **SHERIFF**

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that an inmate was transported from Rush Memorial Hospital to St. Vincent's for medical care. While at St. Vincent's, Rush County was required to provide 24-hour monitoring for that inmate.
- Sheriff Allan Rice gave a vehicle update to the Commissioners.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that a warrant for failure to appear had been served on Richard King who was apprehended without incident regarding intimidation charges against state and local officials.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners a contract with ECS for 911 equipment had been sent to them and Attorney Grant Reeves for review. Commissioner Ron Jarman would like to see the contract be a three (3) year contract with no automatic extension instead of a five (5) year contract. County Attorney Grant Reeves will draft a letter to ECS regarding the County's terms.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that the State of Indiana had donated 2 side tracking radios for county and city use.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that a field tile had collapsed at the gun range and would need fixed.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that on June 4, 2025, his department would unload the semi storage trailer in the parking lot.

### **EMA**

- Director Chuck Kemker updated the Commissioners regarding the denial of the BRIC stormwater grant and advised they were looking into other flood assistance programs.

## MISC

- Vicki Weitzel of Manilla requested the Commissioners vacate an alley in the James W. Trees Addition to the town of Manilla. Kenny Aulbach moved to set a public hearing for the matter on July 14, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves discussed specs for the outlined house in Milroy at 202 S. Pleasant Street.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves presented the Commissioners with a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Rush County, Indiana, for Transfer of Real Property to the Southeastern Indiana Community Preservation and Development Corporation for approval. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the Resolution. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves presented the Commissioners with a Quitclaim deed whereas Rush County, Indiana, by and through its Board of Commissioners (Grantor) Releases and Quitclaims to Southeastern Indiana Community Preservation and Development Corporation (Grantee) property located at 202 S. Pleasant Street, Milroy, Indiana for approval and signatures. Jeff Wilson moved for President Ron Jarman to sign the Quitclaim deed in front of a notary public. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves requested approval from the Commissioners regarding Request for Proposals that were sent regarding Title VI and ADA with a deadline of July 14, 2025. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the RFPs for July 14, 2025. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman advised a motion is needed regarding the commissioner's recommendation to the Council for employee wage increase for 2026. Jeff Wilson moved to recommend a 2% raise as well as paying the 27<sup>th</sup> pay for all Rush County Employees for 2026. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman advised a motion is needed regarding the commissioner's recommendation to the Council for \$50.00 longevity pay for employees who reach 20 years of service and every year thereafter. Kenny Aulbach so moved. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Lynn Winkle who resides on 900 W and 1100 N addressed the Commissioners regarding her concerns of safety and bullet containment from neighbors shooting guns and possible automatic weapons. Sheriff Allan Rice is aware of her concerns and asks her to call as soon as she hears shots being fired so an investigation can be conducted. Sheriff Rice would also need the exact address/location of the shots being fired. County Attorney Grant Reeves advised there could also be zoning regulations for gun ranges if other people have been allowed to shoot at this location.
- Attorney Grant Reeves advised the Commissioners that the Courthouse landscaping and concrete bids were due today, June 2, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. and no bids were received. Kenny Aulbach moved to re-advertise and change the RFP to extend the deadline to June 30, 2025. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Jeff Wilson made a motion to adjourn. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. 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