

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

### **June 16, 2025**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 16, 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 June 2, 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 16, 2025, in the amount of \$339,757.42 were presented. This included loan payments for the courthouse roof, Carr Stanley Drain, Glendenning Drain and the Eli Murray Drain. Jeff Wilson made a motion to approve the claims. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **PAYROLL**

- Payroll for June 20, 2025, in the amount of \$265,462.34, was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

- Director Jodi Harr requested approval from the Commissioners to advertise and hire for the open position in the Clerk's office. Jeff Wilson moved to advertise for the position. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr presented the Commissioners with a stop loss application with Companion Life for approval. Jeff Wilson moved to sign the stop loss application. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners the Health Insurance Committee proposed to work with the recreation center to offer Rush County Employees a corporate sponsorship. Rush County would offer payroll deduction for monthly fees and if employees attend the recreation center ten (10) times a month, Rush County would reimburse 50% of their monthly fee. Harr is also working to set up a corporate night where employees can tour the recreation center.

### **SENIOR CIZITEN CENTER**

- Director Angela Cavaletto advised the Commissioners that INDOT is requesting updated signatures on the previously signed certifications and assurances documents where INDOT updated the date of 2024 to 2025. Jeff Wilson moved to sign the documents after County Attorney Grant Reeves reviews. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Moton carried.
- Director Angela Cavaletto advised the Commissioners the Senior Center would not need the transmitter and tower located at 504 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and the county could dispose of it.

## **AUDITOR**

- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with a letter to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs requesting a drawdown of 60% from the grant for the Stormwater Master Plan project for the Anderson Township Regional Sewer District for approval. Jeff Wilson moved to approve and sign the letter. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested a directive from the Commissioners regarding the water and sewage bill received for 504 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in the amount of \$265.42. Jeff Wilson advised he had spoken with Lori at the City Utilities, and she indicated the bill will be lower due to the Senior Citizen Center paying a portion of it. Wilson also stated he felt the water should be shut off at this location to save on monthly charges. Kenny Aulbach felt the water should stay on and be switched over to Rush County as the customer for when workers are present. Jeff Wilson made a motion to create a utility line in the cum cap budget to pay all utilities for 504 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street for the remainder of the year. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested the Commissioners approve and sign the covered bridge certification sheet for the state. Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton confirmed the county has five (5) covered bridges within the county. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve and sign the certification sheet. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried. Jeff Wilson requested a bridge update from Superintendent Jerry Sitton.

## **SHERIFF**

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that the semi-trailer had been emptied and returned to Davis Towing.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that the federal inmates survey has been completed and submitted.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners regarding immigration issues and the letter sent out by the Attorney General.

## **TREASURER**

- Treasurer Susan Spaeth advised the Commissioners the May monthly report had been emailed to them. She also advised the newly opened account at USLA had been switched from a business account to an interest-bearing money market account.

## **MISC**

- Attorney Grant Reeves advised the Commissioners that the certification and assurances presented to them by Senior Citizen Director Angela Cavaletto was ok to sign.
- Attorney Grant Reeves advised the Commissioners that the recording and live broadcasting of all meetings held in the commissioner's chambers must be in effect by July 1, 2025. Ron Jarman will verify with IT Director Randy Herbert that everything is set up for that deadline.
- Jeff Wilson updated the Commissioners on the Lilly Gift VIII blight program.

- Ron Jarman advised the Commissioners he had signed the deed for the property in Milroy.
- Ron Jarman also advised that the federal funding for BEAD monies had been pulled by the federal government, however, we would still be moving forward with fiber through the ARPA funds with Ninestar.

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

/Ron Jarman/  
Ron Jarman

/Kenny Aulbach/  
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Jeffery Wilson

ATTEST:  
/Tammy Justice/  
Tammy Justice, Auditor