

REGULAR MEETING RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL June 11, 2025

The Rush County Council met for the regular Rush County Council meeting on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. with County Council Members Charlie Smith, Denny Corn, Amy Grocox, Janet Kile, Kyle Gardner, Scott Barnes and Carl Harcourt present. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Grant Reeves were also present.

Councilman Charlie Smith called the Regular Session to order at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner roll call at 9:00 a.m. with Ron Jarman and Jeff Wilson present.

Minutes of the May 14, 2025, Regular Session meeting was presented. Amy Grocox made the motion to approve the minutes. Second, by Scott Barnes. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SENIOR CENTER

- Director Angela Cavaletto requested permission from the Council to apply for the Section 5311 Rural Transit Grant in the amount of \$149,723.00 with a \$10,000.00 county match. The purpose of the grant is for operating assistance for the Senior Center. Denny Corn moved to approve applying for the Section 5311 Rural Transit Grant. Second by Carl Harcourt. All were in favor, Janet Kile abstained from voting due to being on the senior center board. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Council with the CF-1 for personal property for Abe and Darlene Keim for approval. Abe Keim was not present to answer the council's questions. After much discussion, Amy Grocox moved to approve the personal property CF-1. Second by Scott Barnes. Carl Harcourt voted Nay. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Council with the CF-1 for real property for Abe and Darlene Keim for approval. Amy Grocox moved to approve the real estate CF-1. Second by Kyle Gardner. Carl Harcourt voted Nay. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Council with the CF-1 for utility distributable property for Bellflower Solar 1, LLC for approval. Amy Grocox moved to approve the utility distributable property CF-1. Second by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Council that the economic development payment from Bellflower had been received and receipted in.
- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Council that a special meeting is needed to accept the 4% Growth Cap in 2026 as well as the LIT applications from the volunteer fire departments. Both special meetings will take place on the July 9, 2025, meeting.
- Auditor Tammy Justice updated the Council on the spring 2025 settlement and the 2026 budget process.
- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Council of their upcoming state-called meeting on June 21, 2025. Justice has already registered two (2) members and offered to register others.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Director Jodi Harr gave a personnel update to the Council.
- Director Jodi Harr advised the Council the health insurance committee was working with the recreational center to come up with a wellness program for the employees of Rush County. Harr also updated the Council on open enrollment for health insurance.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice gave a vehicle update to the Council.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Council Richard King, who had made threats against local and state officials as well as the Rush County Auditor, had been taken into custody.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Council that the semi-trailer had been unloaded and moved.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Council that a letter from the Attorney General had been received by all deputies concerning the ongoing immigration issues. Rice gave a brief background regarding the immigration issues local authorities face when serving warrants on illegal immigrants.
- Sheriff Allan Rice gave the Council a printout of what the Rushville Police Department salaries and longevity currently are, stating the base salary at the city is around \$54,000.00 and the county's current base salary is around \$57,000.00.

MISC

- Commissioner Ron Jarman advised the Council the Commissioners are recommending a 2% wage increase for employees for 2026 as well as \$50.00 longevity pay for employees who reach 20 years of service and every year thereafter starting in 2026.

Motion to adjourn was made by Carl Harcourt. Second, by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The next Regular Scheduled Council meeting will be on July 9, 2025.

/Charles Smith/
Charles Smith, Chairman

/Scott Barnes/
Scott Barnes

/Denny Corn/
Denny Corn

/Janet Kile/
Janet Kile

/Kyle Gardner/
Kyle Gardner

/Carl Harcourt/
Carl Harcourt

/Amy Grocox/
Amy Grocox

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor