

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in a special session Monday, August 18, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. with Commissioners Ron Jarman, Jeff Wilson and Kenny Aulbach present. Also in attendance was Auditor Tammy Justice. County Attorney Grant Reeves was present by phone.

Commissioner Ron Jarman called the special session to order.

The purpose of the special session was to discuss and act on 504 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Courthouse Renovations, and Concrete Work at the Rush County Courthouse. The meeting was properly advertised.

**COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS**

- Service contract for the design process with KRM Architecture was discussed. County Attorney Grant Reeves has looked over the contract and determined with it being a service contract the county would not need to go through the bid process. The first phase of the project would be the schematic design process and would take approximately 2.5 months at a cost of \$117,000.00. After this phase is completed, the next phase will start and be billed for. All asbestos will be addressed in the construction phase of the project. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the service contract with KRM Architecture for the courthouse renovation. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried. Kenny Aulbach moved to sign the service contract with KRM Architecture. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**504 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (Old Senior Cizitzens Center Building)**

- Discussion was held regarding using Dustin Reynolds, who currently is contracted with the county to do maintenance work, to start demolition on the building with a cap on the cost to demolish. Jeff Wilson moved to use Dustin Reynolds to do demo on the building at the same hourly rate he is currently paid. However, cost of demo is not to exceed \$10,000.00. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**COURTHOUSE CONCRETE WORK**

- Discussion was held regarding the concrete work on the west side of the courthouse. An appropriate timeline has not been reached with the already approved vendor for the west side work. Jeff Wilson made a motion to pull the west section of concrete work out of the original concrete bid project due to time constraints. However, to keep project moving forward, the county will obtain three (3) quotes for the west side concrete project. Kenny Aulbach seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

/Absent/  
Ron Jarman

/Kenny Aulbach/  
Kenny Aulbach

/Jeff Wilson/  
Jeff Wilson

ATTEST:  
/Tammy Justice/  
Tammy Justice, Auditor