

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 25, 2025

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 25, 2025, with Commissioners Kenny Aulbach and Jeff Wilson present. Commissioner Ron Jarman was not present. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Grant Reeves were also present.

Kenny Aulbach 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 August 11, 2025, were presented. Jeff Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Minutes of the Special Session held on August 18, 2025, were presented. Jeff Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts payable claims for August 25, 2025, in the amount of \$1,359,976.89 were presented. Jeff Wilson made a motion to approve the claims. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for August 29, 2025, in the amount of \$274,393.58 was presented. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the payroll claims. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with the Treasurer's monthly report for July 2025.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised the Commissioners that INDOT has approved funding of over two (2) million dollars for Bridge 181.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised the Commissioners that he was not notified that the 1st covered bridge had been opened to traffic. Sitton also stated he has not seen the inspection report or completed a walk-through of the bridge.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice requested permission from the Commissioners to apply for the 2025 SHSP Dispatch Grant in the amount of \$140,517.00 with no county match. The purpose of the grant is to purchase 800 MHz radios to be installed in dispatch consoles as to provide seamless interoperability with local, regional, and state partners, enhance responder safety, and ensure our emergency services can operate on the same communication platform as surrounding counties. After discussing, Sheriff Rice advised he is not dictating what radio frequency the volunteer fire departments use, he is just trying to support their needs. Jeff Wilson moved to apply for the 2025 SHSP Dispatch Grant. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that Deputy Sasher and Deputy Kinman had graduated from the academy and are back to working on the road.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners of an IPEP (workers comp) report for his department.

TREASURER

- Treasurer Susan Spaeth advised the Commissioners the monthly report had been sent to them by email.

MISC

- Commissioner Kenny Aulbach moved to rescind his motion on August 11, 2025, affirming Ron Jarman’s signature for Carole Yeend’s appointment to SIRPC. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Jeff Wilson moved to affirm Ron Jarman’s signature on the Request for Release of Funds and Certification for SIRPC done on August 5, 2025. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held regarding the disposal of the old courthouse generator. Jeff Wilson made a motion to have county attorney Grant Reeves start the process to sell the generator. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves presented the Commissioners with a Resolution of the Rush County Board of Commissioners to Consider Assignment of Tax Sale Certificates to Nonprofit Entities for approval. Jeff Wilson moved to sign the resolution and set a public hearing for September 8, 2025, contingent upon advertising deadlines. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Dave Young from Anderson Township Regional Sewer District discussed with the Commissioners the Districts need to apply for a construction grant and requested the Commissioners be the lead on the grant. Young was instructed to have the paperwork and information sent to the Auditor before they could move forward with a decision.

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

/Abstain/
Ron Jarman

/Kenny Aulbach/
Kenny Aulbach

/Jeff Wilson/
Jeffery Wilson

ATTEST:
/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor