

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 22, 2025

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, September 22, 2025, with Commissioners Ron Jarman, and Jeff Wilson present. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Grant Reeves were also present. Commissioner Kenny Aulbach was not 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 September 8, 2025, were presented. Jeff Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts payable claims for September 22, 2025, in the amount of \$642,416.36 which included a \$12,000.00 claim from the Highway Department to the Rush County Treasurer for purchase of a Sheriff Department vehicle. After discussion between the Commissioners, Sheriff Allan Rice and Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton, Jeff Wilson moved to deny the \$12,000.00 claim and approve the claims in the amount of \$630,416.36. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for September 26, 2025, in the amount of \$260,543.84 was presented. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the payroll claims. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Director Jodi Harr presented the Commissioners with a change notice to the Rush County Employees Medical Plan for approval. Jeff Wilson moved to approve and sign the change notice. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER

- Treasurer Susan Spaeth advised the Commissioners that there are currently 47 parcels eligible for tax sale.
- Treasurer Susan Spaeth advised the Commissioners she had emailed the monthly August reports to them. Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Treasurers August monthly report to the Commissioners.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested the Commissioners instruct her on what they would like done with the \$40,000.00 earmarked in their budget for the Community Foundation. Jeff Wilson moved to send the \$40,000.00 to the Community Foundation to be put into the Schroeder sustainability fund. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Commissioners that Scott Barnes had filed his conflict-of-interest form with her office. The Commissioners advised the conflict-of-interest would need approval from the Rush County Council.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Commissioner Ron Jarman discussed the quotes given to the Commissioners from Cain Signs and Green Signs for the electronic sign at 504 W. 3rd Street location. Jarman stated that it is Dixie Meyers' recommendation to go with Green Signs due to the larger size of the sign. Jeff Wilson moved to accept Green Signs quote of \$37,493.00 for the base price and include the upgrade option of \$5,377.00 for LED Resolution as well as adding \$150.00 for photocell for a total of \$43,563.00. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried. Jeff Wilson moved to sign the proposal with Green Signs. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners on several vehicles that sustained damage.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners his department helped with the 5 and 50 bike ride over the weekend.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that since they denied the claim of \$12,000.00 for the sale of the vehicle to the Highway Department, he is now \$12,000.00 short in replacing vehicles out of the LIT Fund. Sheriff Rice feels that money needs to be put back into that fund.

CLERK

- Clerk Jenny Sammons advised the Commissioners she is working with Gary King to create an election section on the county website for all election related business.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised the Commissioners that previous County Attorney Leigh Morning had advertised for the ADA and Title VI and that information had been passed on to the current County Attorney Grant Reeves. Title VI needs to be up to date by the end of October 2025 for Sitton to apply for Community Crossing Grants. Jeff Wilson made a motion to sign Title VI and ADA updates upon County Attorney Grant Reeves' approval. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MISC

- Tina Henderson with Mendenhall and Associates requested approval from the Commissioners to apply for the Community Development Block Grant for Anderson Township Regional Sewer District (ATRSD) in the amount of \$700,000.00 for a construction grant. The \$160,000.00 match will be paid by ATRSD. Jeff Wilson moved to approve applying for the Community Development Block Grant. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Jeff Wilson inquired if Rush County could get involved in a vendor issue that Anderson Township is having. Commissioner Ron Jarman stated since it is not Rush County property, we could not get involved.
- Victoria Bechert with Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (SIRPC) presented the Commissioners with a letter of justification for DSA Home Inspections LLC for approval. Jeff Wilson moved to sign the letter for DSA Home Inspections LLC contingent upon County Attorney Grant Reeves' approval. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Victoria Bechert with Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (SIRPC) presented the Commissioners with a letter of justification for SIRPC for approval. Jeff Wilson moved to sign the letter for SIRPC contingent upon County Attorney Grant Reeves' approval. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Victoria Bechert with Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (SIRPC) presented the Commissioners with contracts for DSA Home Inspections LLC and SIRPC for approval. Jeff Wilson moved to sign both contracts contingent upon County Attorney Grant Reeves' approval. Second by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Heather Carlton, Commissioner appointment to the Community Correction Board, advised the Commissioners that Kurt Mock resigned his commissioner appointment as ex-offender to the Community Correction Board.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves advised the Commissioners the county could charge fees for access to GIS files. Reeves presented the Commissioners with a GIS Fee Ordinance for approval. Jeff Wilson moved to adopt the GIS Fee Ordinance. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- John McCane with Rush County ECDC updated the Commissioners on ongoing as well as upcoming community projects as well as READI funding.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves discussed with the Commissioners their options for selling the old courthouse generator. Reeves advised that the Highway Department would like to use GovDeals, which is a state approved online auction site to sell six (6) dump trucks, and the generator could also be put on this site at no cost to the county. Jeff Wilson made a motion to put the generator and the six (6) dump trucks on the online auction site GovDeals. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves advised the Commissioners the county would need to opt-in for the opioid settlements, and it is his recommendation that they make a motion to opt-in. Jeff Wilson made a motion to have Auditor Tammy Justice sign the opt-in paperwork for the opioid settlements. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves discussed some discrepancies with the Commissioners regarding the county's purchasing policy that was recently submitted to INDOT. INDOT's bid requirement is \$2,500.00 and our policy states \$5,000.00. There is a clause in the policy that states if beneficial, a project could be broken up. This clause may need to be clarified. Jeff Wilson moved to have Ron Jarman sign a revised ordinance if needed. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman advised that the GIS Coordinator had resigned her position. Due to wanting to utilize that position for work on other layers for the county, the thought is to make that a commissioner appointed position. HR Director Jodi Harr advised that the job description would need to be updated by moving that position from the Auditor's Office to the Commissioners and that the Commissioners would need to ratify the posting of that vacancy. Jeff Wilson moved to ratify posting for the GIS Coordinator position. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried. Jeff Wilson made a motion to move the GIS Coordinator position from the Auditor's Office to the Commissioners. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

/Ron Jarman/
Ron Jarman

/Abstain/
Kenny Aulbach

/Jeffery Wilson/
Jeffery Wilson

ATTEST:
/Heather Carlton/
Heather Carlton, Auditor Assistant