

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 6, 2025

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, October 6, 2025, with Commissioners Ron Jarman, Jeff Wilson and Kenny Aulbach present. County Attorney Grant Reeves was also present. Auditor Tammy Justice 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 22, 2025, were presented. Jeff Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Minutes of the Executive Session held on September 24, 2025, were presented. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Minutes of the Special Session held on September 26, 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 October 6, 2025, in the amount of \$535,834.65 was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the claims. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for October 10, 2025, in the amount of \$262,923.59 was presented. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the payroll claims. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AREA PLAN

- Director Mike Holzback advised the Commissioners that APC Board Member Leisa King had resigned from the board.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton presented the Commissioners with an updated policy notice regarding Appointed Board Member Disclosure Requirement that was effective July 1, 2025.
- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton advised the Commissioners they need to advertise for their appointment to the Area Plan Board. Carlton also advised that the courthouse employee appointment to the Personnel Committee no longer works for the county and would need to appoint for that as well. Jeff Wilson moved to advertise for the APC Board. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried. HR Director Jodi Harr will send out an email to all courthouse employees asking for any interest in the personnel committee representative.
- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton presented the Commissioners with the proposed 2026 Rush County Calendar for approval. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the calendar as presented. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton advised the Commissioners they needed to transfer \$5,400.00 within the Cum Cap budget from repairs and maintenance to GIS Administrator. Jeff Wilson moved to sign the transfer form. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER

- Auditor Assistant Heather Carlton for Treasurer Susan Spaeth presented the Commissioners with the 2025 sold and unsold tax sale report. Commissioner Jeff Wilson will present the unsold properties to the blight elimination committee.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with the Indiana Department of Transportation's Report of Contract Final Inspection and Recommendation for Acceptance form to approve and sign for bridge #94. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve and sign the acceptance form. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested approval from the Commissioners to apply for the Hot Mix 5 Mile of Streets in Rural Communities, Arlington, Mays, Manilla, Milroy Grant in the amount of \$1,250,000.00 with a county match of \$250,000.00. The purpose of the grant is to hot mix several streets in Arlington, Mays, Manilla and Milroy that are rated five (5) or less. Jeff Wilson moved to apply for the Hot Mix Grant. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Highway Departments monthly report and bridge inspection to the Commissioners.

EMA

- Director Chuck Kemker requested approval from the Commissioner to apply for the 2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$21,645.00 with no county match. The purpose of the grant is salary reimbursement. Jeff Wilson moved to apply for the grant. Second, Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

At 9:30 a.m. Jeff Wilson moved to recess the regular meeting to open bids for Reassessment. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

REASSESSMENT BIDS

- At 9:30 a.m. County Attorney Grant Reeves opened bids for the 2026-2030 cyclical reassessment. Nexus Group submitted a bid of \$105,500.00 per year with a maximum total cost of \$422,000.00. Tyler Technologies submitted a maximum bid of \$395,280.00. Jeff Wilson moved to take both bids under advisement until October 17, 2025, commissioner meeting.

Regular session was reconvened at 9:34 a.m.

PROSECUTOR

- Prosecutor Phil Caviness requested permission from the Commissioners to hire a part-time Prosecutor/IV-D child support clerical position. Kenny Aulbach moved to allow hiring for the part-time position. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Director Jodi Harr requested the Commissioners approve the new job description for the part-time Prosecutor/IV-D clerical position. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the job description. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr requested permission to advertise for the recently vacated Surveyor Assistant position. Jeff Wilson moved to advertise for the position. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners she is working with McGowan's Insurance on a quote for an Employee Assistance Program to help employees with mental health.

MISC

- County Attorney Grant Reeves advised the Commissioners that Julie Newhouse has requested the speed limit be lowered to 30 mph on 700 W from the county bridge to 1011 N. 725 W. in Arlington. After discussion with Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton and Major Doug Keith, Jeff Wilson made a motion to continue the posted 30 mph speed limit south of the bridge on 700 to 150 N in Arlington. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves presented the Commissioners with updated Resolutions for the Purchasing Policy and Procurement Policy that address INDOT's concerns. The Commissioners tabled signing the new resolutions until approval from INDOT.
- The Commissioners discussed the deadline verbiage in the contracts for the landscaping and concrete work for the courthouse. Jeff Wilson moved to table signing the contracts until all verbiage has been updated. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Jason Semler with Baker Tilly along with a representative from Bellflower updated the Commissioners regarding the solar economic development payment. Semler advised that the current agreement allows for an amended agreement if there is a significant increase in payment. Semler advised that Rick Hall has prepared an amended EDA that will allow for an additional One Million in payments to the county. Semler presented the amended EDA to the Commissioners for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to sign the amended EDA. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Ron Jarman discussed painting the outside of the 504 W. 3rd street building before winter by In Line Painting Company, the cost will be below the amount needed to bid the project out. Jeff Wilson moved to allow In Line Painting Company to start painting. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- The Health Department plan agreement was mentioned and tabled until October 17, 2025, meeting.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves discussed with the Commissioners the county owned property at 2547 S. Cross Street in Manilla that they wish to dispose of. After discussing, Jeff Wilson made a motion to start the process to sign the property over to the Rush County Community Foundation for the blight elimination program. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Commissioners discussed the ADA and Title VI proposals. Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton recommended accepting the proposal by ADA Consulting of Indiana for \$21,600.00 plus reimbursable expenses. Jeff Wilson

moved to sign the ADA and Title VI agreement with ADA Consulting of Indiana. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. 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/
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/Kenny Aulbach/
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ATTEST:
/Heather Carlton/
Heather Carlton, Auditor Assistant