

## **REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **November 3, 2025**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 3, 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 October 17, 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 November 3, 2025, in the amount of \$276,630.87 were presented. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the claims. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **PAYROLL**

- Payroll for November 7, 2025, in the amount of \$269,284.69 was presented. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the payroll claims. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **SENIOR CENTER**

- Director Angela Cavaletto requested approval from the Commissioners on the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Section 5311 Rural Transportation Grant reimbursement. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter reports. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

- Director Jodi Harr presented the Commissioners with the GIS Coordinator/Technician job description for approval. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the job description. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr requested support from the Commissioners for David Meihls of ADA Consultants to do mandatory ADA/Title VI training with all officeholders and supervisors. The training will be once a month for six (6) months starting in November 2025 and ending in April 2026. Jeff Wilson moved in favor of the mandatory six (6) month training on ADA and Title VI. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr discussed the safety issues of the crosswalk between the jail parking lot and courthouse with the Commissioners. Harr requested something be done to make the crosswalk more noticeable. Discussion was held on possible signs with lights or possibly removing more parking to make pedestrians crossing more noticeable to drivers. Ron Jarman will reach out to the state.
- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners that interviews for the Surveyor Apprentice position will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2025.

## **TREASURER**

- Treasurer Susan Spaeth advised the Commissioners she had emailed the monthly September reports to them. Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Treasurers September monthly report to the Commissioners.

## **AUDITOR**

- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Reassessment contract to the Commissioners to sign. Jeff Wilson moved to sign the contract. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice discussed with the Commissioners the courthouse landscaping agreement. County Attorney Grant Reeves advised he had addressed questions that Vogel's had and had revised the agreement and was waiting to hear back from Vogel's. This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

## **SHERIFF**

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners he would be trading two (2) of his fleet vehicles to Campbell Brothers and purchasing two (2) others, of which one would be a UTV. He requested the Commissioners sign the titles to a 2019 Dodge Ram and a 2020 Dodge Ram for trade. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the trade and sign the title of the 2019 Dodge Ram. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the trade and sign the title of the 2020 Dodge Ram. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners on the training hours for his departments.

## **HIGHWAY**

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised the Commissioners the Community Crossing Grant applications needed to be split into two (2) application numbers. Sitton also presented the Commissioners with a financial commitment letter for the Community Crossings Grant for approval. Jeff Wilson moved to approve and sign the financial commitment letter. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised the Commissioners that the covered bridge repairs had gone over budget. Sitton is trying to get INDOT to cover the overage, however it might end up that Rush County will have to pay those overages.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised the Commissioners that Williamstown is ditched to the end of Rush County's right of way.
- Ron Jarman thanked Superintendent Jerry Sitton and his employees for assisting with truck traffic during the State Road 44 East closure.

## **MISC**

- Melissa Weitzel of Manilla requested the Commissioners vacate an alley behind her property on Vine Street in Manilla. Jeff Wilson moved to set a public hearing on the matter for December 15, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Ron Jarman advised that Tina Henderson with Mendenhall and Associates is requesting the Commissioners sign an environmental review letter for the Anderson Township Regional Sewer District grant application. Jeff Wilson

moved to sign the letter. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor.  
Motion carried.

- Jeff Wilson gave an update on the ongoing blight projects.

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

/Ron Jarman/  
Ron Jarman

/Abstain/  
Kenny Aulbach

/Jeff Wilson/  
Jeffery Wilson

ATTEST:  
/Tammy Justice/  
Tammy Justice, Auditor