

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 17, 2025

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 17, 2025, with Commissioners Ron Jarman, Jeff Wilson and Kenny Aulbach present. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Grant Reeves were also 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 November 3, 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 Joint Executive Session held on November 12, 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 Executive Session held on November 13, 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 November 17, 2025, in the amount of \$964,130.16 which included a jail bond payment in the amount of \$609,000.00 were presented. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the claims. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for November 21, 2025, in the amount of \$266,589.95 was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Director Jodi Harr presented the Commissioners with a Resolution formalizing the Rush County Employee Wellness Reimbursement Policy Regarding the Rush County Recreation Center for approval. Jeff Wilson moved to sign the resolution. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners that a letter of interest from Dixie Meyer to serve as the employee liaison to the personnel committee had been received. Kenny Aulbach moved to appoint Dixie Meyer as the employee liaison. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners the courthouse employee Christmas would be on December 5, 2025, and would be breakfast this year.
- Director Jodi Harr along with David Meihls with ADA Consulting requested the Commissioners approve and adopt the Rush County, Indiana Title VI Implementation Plan. Jeff Wilson moved to sign the Title VI Implementation Plan. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners that Becky Garner is working part-time to assist GIS Coordinator Jeremy Wood.

COURT SERVICES

- Community Supervision Manager, Rikki Webster, advised the Commissioners the Rush County Addictions Intervention Court hosted a food drive and distribution would take place on November 26, 2025, in the jail parking lot and to expect more traffic from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Dixie Meyer requested confirmation from the Commissioners on what name they want to use for the building at 504 W. 3rd. Street. Jeff Wilson moved to name the building Rush County Annex. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

At 9:12 a.m. Jeff Wilson called to recess the meeting. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ron Jarman reconvened the regular session at 9:17 a.m. Auditor Tammy Justice did not return from the recessed meeting.

TREASURER

- Treasurer Susan Spaeth advised the Commissioners she had emailed the monthly October reports to them. The Treasurers October monthly report was presented to the Commissioners.
- Treasurer Susan Spaeth updated the Commissioners on the fall collection percentages.

EXTENSION OFFICE

- Director Carly Holland requested the Commissioners' approval of the 2026 Rush County Contractual Service Agreement. Ron Jarman recommended waiting for more clarification.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with an LPA-Consulting Contract between Rush County and Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc. for replacement of Bridge 181 for approval. Jeff Wilson moved to approve and sign the contract. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised the Commissioners he had sold 7 vehicles and need the commissioners to sign off on the titles. Jeff Wilson moved to sign the titles to the 7 vehicles. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested approval from the Commissioners to advertise for the 2026 stone and gravel bids for the December 15, 2025, meeting at 9:30 a.m. Jeff Wilson moved to advertise for the stone and gravel bids. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested approval from the Commissioner to advertise for the 2026 Community Crossing Bids for the December 29, 2025, meeting at 9:30 a.m. Kenny Aulbach moved to advertise for the community crossing bids. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised the Commissioners he is looking at purchasing a piece of equipment for brush and tree removal. Cost of the equipment will be around \$284,000.00 and will be paid out of his 2026 budget.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that current population at the jail is 40.

MISC

- Steve Mardsen, Rush County Conservation Club President, updated the Commissioners on property improvements and membership status.
- Ron Jarman advised the Commissioners they needed to advertise for the county farm lease. Jeff Wilson moved to advertise for the farm lease. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves advised the Commissioners that House Enrolled Act 1392 requires the Commissioners to direct where the distribution of CVET and FIT revenues will be placed. Currently Rush County’s portion is distributed between the following funds: County General, Health, Reassessment, Cum Cap, Cum Bridge and Debt Payment. Jeff Wilson moved to allocate funds to County General, Health, Reassessment, Cum Cap, Cum Bridge and Debt Payment based on current tax rates. Reeves will have the resolution for them to sign at their next meeting.
- Ron Jarman advised the Commissioners the 2026 snow removal quote from Vogel’s needed approved. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the 2026 snow removal quote. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves advised the Commissioners the amended purchasing policy would be presented for approval at their next meeting.
- Ron Jarman advised the Commissioners that their appointment to the Area Plan Board would be tabled until the next meeting.
- Ron Jarman advised the Commissioners that their appointment to the Hospital Board is currently Gerald Mohr. Jarman advised they either needed to advertise the appointment or retain Mohr who submitted a letter of interest. Jeff Wilson moved to retain Gerald Mohr to the Hospital Board. Second by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Ron Jarman advised County Attorney Grant Reeves that the county needs a policy for employee multi-factor authentication.

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

/Ron Jarman/
Ron Jarman

/Kenny Aulbach/
Kenny Aulbach

/Absent/
Jeffery Wilson

ATTEST:
/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor