

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS December 15, 2025

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 15, 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 December 1, 2025, were presented. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts payable claims for December 15, 2025, in the amount of \$628,458.57 were presented. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the claims. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for December 19, 2025, in the amount of \$266,685.23 was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

EXTENSION

- Carly Holland requested approval from the Commissioners for the Rush County Contractual Services Agreement with Purdue University for the year 2026. Ron Jarman updated the commissioners on his conversation with Molly on the regionalization of the extension office. Jeff Wilson moved to sign the contract for \$53,500.00. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER

- Treasurer Susan Spaeth advised the Commissioners the November monthly report had been emailed to them. Auditor Tammy Justice provided the November statement of depositor balance sheet to the Commissioners.
- Ron Jarman requested an update regarding fall tax collections. Treasurer Susan Spaeth advised there is around 8% uncollected.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Director Jodi Harr requested approval from the Commissioners on the PHI Air Ambulance renewal for 2026 for all residents of Rush County. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the renewal. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners Lincoln Financial Group requested her to e-sign some approved documents. Jeff Wilson moved to allow Harr to e-sign documents. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with a supplemental agreement for bridge inspections with Butler, Fairman and Seufert Inc. for approval. Sitton advised that the federal government is requiring more inspections for bridges which changes the previous agreement from \$425,000.00 to \$518,000.00. Jeff Wilson moved to approve and sign the supplemental agreement. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

At 9:30 a.m. the Regular Commissioner meeting was recessed to hold a public hearing for a vacated alley in Manilla as well as bid opening. The public hearing and bid opening were properly advertised.

VACATED ALLEY

- The Rush County Commissioners conducted a public hearing regarding the following petition to vacate a platted alley in the Unincorporated Town of Manilla in Walker Township. Said alley running East and West between Lots 11 and 12 on the north and Lots 13 and 14 on the south in the Trees and Spencer Addition to the town of Manilla, Rush County Indiana.

Hearing no remarks from the public, Jeff Wilson moved to close the public hearing. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

2025 BIDS

At 9:32 a.m. the Commissioners opened the following bids:

- Highway Crushed Stone
 - Bids were received from New Point Stone Co. Inc. for the Derbyshire Quarry and the St. Paul Quarry, Rush County Stone and US Aggregates.
 - Superintendent Jerry Sitton recommended accepting all bids based on geographic area.
- Highway Crushed Gravel
 - Bids were received from Irving Materials Inc.
 - Superintendent Jerry Sitton recommended accepting all bids based on geographic area.

At 9:40 a.m. Jeff Wilson moved to close the bid opening. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Jeff Wilson moved to reconvene the Regular Commissioner meeting at 9:40 a.m. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Jeff Wilson made a motion to accept all bids based on geographic area. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Jeff Wilson made a motion to vacate the alley running East and West between Lots 11 and 12 on the north and Lots 13 and 14 on the south in the Trees and Spencer Addition to the town of Manilla, Walker Township, Rush County Indiana. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval from the Commissioners for Resolution 2026-1 A Resolution Adopting a Capital Improvement Plan for Rush County. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve Resolution 2026-1. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

2026 APPOINTMENTS

- Alcoholic Beverage Board – The Commissioners are retaining Josh Toennessen.
- Area Plan Commission - Kenny Aulbach will keep the commissioner's yearly seat.
- County Attorney - The Commissioners are retaining Grant Reeves.
- Board of Zoning Appeals – The Commissioners are retaining Virgil Bremer.
- Custodial Service – The Commissioners are retaining Gilliam Janitorial.
- E-911 Board – Ron Jarman will keep the commissioner's yearly seat.
- Economic Development Comm. – Ron Jarman will keep the commissioner's yearly seat.
- Employee Health Insurance – Ron Jarman will keep the commissioner's yearly seat.
- Highway Superintendent – Letter of interest received by Jerry Sitton. The Commissioners are retaining Jerry Sitton.
- EMA Director – Letter of interest received by Chuck Kemker. The Commissioners are retaining Chuck Kemker.
- EMA Advisory Board – Jeff Wilson will keep the commissioner's yearly seat.
- RMH Hospital Board – Letters of interest was received by Gerald Mohr. The Commissioners are retaining Gerald Mohr.
- ICAP – The Commissioners are retaining Paul Wilkinson.
- LEPC – Jeff Wilson will keep the commissioner's yearly seat.
- Public Defender Board – Letter from Dave Malson to retain Bruce Levi was received. The Commissioners are retaining Bruce Levi.
- Workforce Investment Board – Kenny Aulbach will keep the commissioner's yearly seat.
- Eastern Indiana Regional Planning – Jeff Wilson will keep the commissioner's yearly seat. The Commissioners are retaining Carole Yeend and John McCane as well.
- Fiber Board – Ron Jarman will keep the commissioner's yearly seat.
- Rush County Personnel Committee – The Commissioners are retaining Dixie Meyer as the courthouse appointment.
- Commissioner Personnel Committee – Kenny Aulbach will keep the commissioner's yearly seat.

APC Board Appointment for the vacated seat – Letters of interest were received from Melissa Meltzer, Eric Ward and Stormy Richardson. Jeff Wilson moved to readvertise for the vacated seat on the APC Board. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried. Interviews will be conducted with all applicants.

EMA

- Director Chuck Kemker updated the Commissioners regarding the recent snowstorm as well as the local travel advisory.

MISC

- Josh Estell with McGowans Ins. updated the Commissioners on the county's insurance renewal. After discussing, Jeff Wilson moved to continue with Traveler's. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Victoria Bechert with SIRPC presented the Commissioners with a breakdown of the 22 contracts for the OOR program for approval. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the 22 contracts. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Tara Hagan with Southeastern Indiana Community Preservation & Development Corporation requested the Commissioners vacate an alley that divides the property at 407 S. Pleasant Street in Milroy. Jeff Wilson moved to set a public hearing for January 12, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

/Ron Jarman/
Ron Jarman

/Kenny Aulbach/
Kenny Aulbach

/Jeff Wilson/
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ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor