

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS December 29, 2025

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 29, 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.

Ron Jarman called the public hearing to order at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of opening bids for the Health Department BOT Proposals. GM Development was the only bid received.

At 9:03 a.m. Jeff Wilson moved to close the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting.

MINUTES

- Minutes of the Regular Session held on December 15, 2025, were presented. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts payable claims for December 29, 2025, in the amount of \$303,589.71 were presented. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the claims. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for January 2, 2026, in the amount of \$269,994.21 was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOT PROPOSALS

- Jeff Wilson moved to accept the bid from GM Development for the Health Department Project. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HEALTH BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- Kenny Aulbach moved to appoint Michael Justice to the health board for the term of 01.01.2026 through 12.31.2027. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Jeff Wilson moved to appoint Debra Burkhardt to the health board for the term of 01.01.2026 through 12.31.2029. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Kenny Aulbach moved to appoint Alisa Winters to the health board for the term of 01.01.2026 through 12.31.2026. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested the Commissioners approval of Ordinance 2025-23, An Ordinance Vacating an Alleyway. Jeff Wilson moved to

approve and sign the ordinance for the vacation of an alley located in the 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. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Commissioners that Travelers had agreed to reduce their renewal price by \$7,500.00

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners on the annual awards banquet.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners he had a negotiating session with the US Marshals regarding housing of federal inmates. Rice was able to negotiate an amount of \$91.00 a day to house federal inmates, the average being \$83.00 per day. Rice also negotiated an amount of \$33.04 per officer for transporting federal inmates. Rice advised the US Marshals are working on a contract for the negotiated amounts, and he will get that to County Attorney Grant Reeves to look over. Jeff Wilson moved to approve moving forward with the housing of federal inmates at \$91.00 per day. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

At 9:30 a.m. the Regular Commissioner meeting was recessed to open the 2026 CCMG Project Bids.

- Bids were received from Floyd Crim and Sons Paving, E B Paving, Globe Asphalt Paving, Dave Omara, Paul H Rhoe, Inc., All Star Paving, DC Construction Services, Inc. and Chris Bowles/Howard Companies. Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton suggested the Commissioners take all bids under advisement. Jeff Wilson moved to take bids under advisement until Superintendent Jerry Sitton can look over all submitted documents. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

At 9:40 a.m. the Commissioners opened the bidding for the county farm ground to enter into a lease agreement. Current rate is \$375.00 per acre for 170 acres. The current tenant Crossroad Family Farms was the only one interested in bidding and inquired what the commissioner's minimum price per acre was. With the commissioners not having a minimum per acre amount, Crossroad Family Farms stated they would offer \$300.00 per acre. After discussion, Kenny Aulbach moved to accept Crossroad Family Farms bid of \$300.00 per acre for the 170 acres of county farm ground with the condition of executing an agreeable lease. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MISC

- Ron Jarman advised the Commissioners that to meet the deadline for the Seed Grant for updated 911 mapping, he had signed the documents and his signature needed to be ratified. Jeff Wilson moved to ratify Ron Jarmans signature on the Seed Grant. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Ron Jarman advised the Commissioners that several documents needed approval for the closeout of the CDBG Grant for Anderson Township Regional Sewer District. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the Approval of Local Resolution for Approving the Plan. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the Final

Grant Draw Letter. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the Disclosure Report. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the Closeout Monitoring Form 1. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- County Attorney Grant Reeves updated the Commissioners on the Courthouse Project and bond counsel meeting. Ron Jarman stated that schematics are done and the design phase with the architect will be next. The BOT should be in place before the design contract is signed.
- Ron Jarman advised the Commissioners that Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton had advised that INDOT will be requiring the county to specify why funding is needed.
- Jeff Wilson updated the Commissioners on the OOR projects stating he's received a lot of positive responses from homeowners and the public.
- Ron Jarman advised the Commissioners he will be meeting with the Rush County Community Foundation the first of the year regarding BEAD money for fiber.
- Jeff Wilson thanked the community for reaching out after the passing of his father.
- It was clarified that the County Coordinator position that was offered to Phil Kuhn is through the Rush County Community Foundation and not county government.
- Jeff Wilson advised there is more to come regarding UDO after final numbers.

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

/Jeffery Wilson/
Jeffery Wilson

ATTEST:
/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor