

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 9, 2026

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 9, 2026, 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 January 26, 2026, 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 February 9, 2026, in the amount of \$619,534.46 were presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the claims. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for February 13, 2026, in the amount of \$273,453.39 was presented. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the payroll claims. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Commissioners that Judge Hill is requesting Amanda Mullins be appointed as the mental health administrator for the community correction board. Jeff Wilson moved to appoint Amanda Mullins as the mental health administrator. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested the Commissioners' approval of the Supplementary Commercial Automobile Application. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the application. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with the 2026 bonds for elected officials and various others for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the 2026 bonds. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Director Jodi Harr updated the Commissioners on the Group Term Life, Tobacco Wellness Benefit and Employee Assistance Program.
- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners the annual wellness screening will take place on April 1, 2026.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested the Commissioners approve the Annual Operation Report for 2025. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the 2025 Annual Operation Report. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with the January monthly reports for the Highway.

SENIOR CENTER

- Director Angela Cavaletto presented the Commissioners with the 2025 4th quarter report for approval. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the 4th quarter report. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Angela Cavaletto updated the Commissioners regarding the final numbers for the 2025 approved and denied trips.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners the inmate count is currently at 32.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners there is a water leak in the storage room at the jail. Rice stated he had started the “leaky roof” protocol with Horning and was advised they could come out in a few weeks to access the leak. Ron Jarman would like the county attorney to send a letter to Horning regarding the ongoing leak issues. Second, by Jeff Wilson.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners he is working with the county attorney regarding the federal inmate agreement. Rice requested approval to sign the contract after legal has reviewed and approved. Kenny Aulbach moved to allow Sheriff Rice to sign contract after legal had approved. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners he is working on a contract to replace Lexipol and would like to be able to sign that contract after county attorney has reviewed and approved. Jeff Wilson moved to allow Sheriff Rice to sign the new contract. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners on the training hours for 2026.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners he is looking into switching from Power Phone to Virtual Academy for dispatch training.

EMA

- Director Chuck Kemker requested approval from the Commissioners to apply for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 with no county match. The purpose of the grant is for the part-time position of Emergency Preparedness and Preparedness functions. Jeff Wilson moved to approve applying for the PHEP Grant. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Chuck Kemker discussed with the Commissioners that he had assisted ECDC Director John McCane with the application for a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of \$500,000.00. Ron Jarman requested his signature be ratified on the grant application. Kenny Aulbach moved to ratify Ron Jarman’s signature on the Environmental Protection Agency grant. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Chuck Kemker discussed with the Commissioners the future of the BRIC grant as well as the February 26, 2026, storm spotter training being held at the Love Center.

Jeff Wilson moved to recess the Regular Session at 9:46 a.m. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ron Jarman called the Board of Finance Meeting to order. Jeff Wilson moved to close the Board of Finance Meeting. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ron Jarman reconvened the Regular Session of the Board of Commissioners at 9:47 a.m.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested the Commissioners approval to appoint Karen Harpring to the Rush County Board of Health for a term of 01.20.2026 through 01.30.2029. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve appointing Karen Harpring to the Rush County Board of Health. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested the Commissioners approval to appoint Rebecca Holm to the Rush County Board of Health for a term of 01.20.2026 through 01.30.2028. Jeff Wilson moved to approve appointing Rebecca Holm to the Rush County Board of Health. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLERK

- Clerk Jenny Sammons followed up with the Commissioners regarding the ADA representative not inspecting the vote centers.

MISC

- County Attorney Grant Reeves discussed with the Commissioners an interlocal agreement between the City of Rushville and Rush County for a stormwater fee being placed on tax statements for all parcels within the city limits. Discussion was held regarding whether the Commissioners wanted to assess a fee for the city to utilize this service. Jeff Wilson moved to assess a \$5.00 per parcel fee to the City of Rushville for this service. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves presented the Commissioners with an Interlocal Agreement by and Between City of Rushville, Indiana and County of Rush, Indiana for dispatch services for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve and sign the interlocal agreement. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves presented the Commissioners with Ordinance 2026-2. The Rush County, Indiana, Board of Commissioners Regarding the Makeup of the Rush County Area Plan Commission and the Rush County Board of Zoning Appeals for approval. Jeff Wilson moved to approve Ordinance 2026-2. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Ron Jarman advised that the commissioners recently held an executive session to interview applicants for the APC appointment. Those that applied were Eric Ward, Stormy Richardson and Melissa Meltzer. Jeff Wilson nominated Eric Ward to fill the APC appointment. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Ron Jarman advised that he had received a message from a county citizen requesting the Commissioners place a moratorium on data centers in the county.

- Ron Jarman advised he had received a quote from Dustin Reynolds to put up some walls for a server room to get ready for the courthouse renovation project. The approximate cost would be \$33,000.00. Kenny Aulbach moved to accept the quote. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Ron Jarman advised he had received quotes from Envoy and GM Developments for the courthouse RFPs. Jeff Wilson moved to move forward with GM Developments. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves advised the Commissioners he would work on a revised contract for ADA.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves requested the Commissioners advise him soon if they would like to see changes to rates such as the wheel or excise for 2027.

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

/Jeff Wilson/
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ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor