

## **REGULAR MEETING    RUSH COUNTY COUNCIL    February 11, 2026**

The Rush County Council met for the regular Rush County Council meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. with County Council Members Charlie Smith, Denny Corn, Amy Grocox, Janet Kile, Kyle Gardner, Scott Barnes and Carl Harcourt present. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Grant Reeves were also present.

Councilman Charlie Smith called the Regular Session to order at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner roll call at 9:00 a.m. with Jeff Wilson and Kenny Aulbach and Ron Jarman present.

Minutes of January 14, 2026, Regular Session Meeting was presented. Amy Grocox made the motion to approve the minutes. Second, by Carl Harcourt. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **SURVEYOR**

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval from the Council to transfer \$100.00 in fund 1000 County General Surveyor from 1000.20014.00000.0006 Supplies to 1000.30051.00000.0006 Auto Insurance. Kyle Gardner moved to approve the transfer. Second, by Amy Grocox. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

- Dixie Meyer requested approval from the Council to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,000.00 in fund 8125 CFDA #93.354 Co-Agreement Emergency Response. This was a dormant fund, however, SBOA has stated the money can be spent directly from the fund. Carl Harcourt moved to advertise for the additional appropriation. Second, by Kyle Gardner. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Dixie Meyer requested approval from the Council to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,246.85 in fund 8111 CFDA #93.074 Ebola. This was a dormant fund, however, SBOA has stated the money can be spent directly from the fund. Janet Kile moved to advertise for the additional appropriation. Second, by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Dixie Meyer requested approval from the Council to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$22,101.72 in fund 1161 Health First Indiana Fund. This is a carryover balance from 2025 approved by the state for their electronic sign for the courthouse annex building. Amy Grocox moved to advertise for the additional appropriation. Second, by Scott Barnes. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Dixie Meyer requested approval from the Council to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,238.74 in fund 1161 Health First Indiana Fund. These are additional HFI funds awarded by the state. Carl Harcourt moved to advertise for the additional appropriation. Second, by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **CLERK**

- Clerk Jenny Sammons addressed the Council regarding IC 3-6-6-31 Meals or meal allowances for poll workers. Sammons stated it is getting harder to find people to supply meals for the poll workers. Sammons stated it is her intention to still find people to supply meals, but if she cannot, she would like the legislative body to adopt an ordinance to provide meal allowances to poll workers for the day of election. Scott Barnes moved to have an ordinance in place for meal allowances. Second, by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### EMA

- Director Chuck Kemker requested approval from the Council 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. Amy Grocox moved to approve applying for the PHEP Grant. Second, by Scott Barnes. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Chuck Kemker discussed with the Council the future of the BRIC grant.

### COMMISSIONERS

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval from the Council to advertise for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$247,211.02 in fund 4801 Courthouse Roof Bond Proceeds. Amy Grocox moved to advertise for the additional appropriation. Second, by Kyle Gardner. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Ron Jarman updated the Council on the courthouse concrete work, health department annex and courthouse renovation plans as well as starting work on the IT server room.
- Ron Jarman advised the Council there are talks going on in the community regarding data centers. Jarman advised that APC has been working on a UDO to get ahead of data centers.
- Ron Jarman advised the Council he is working with IT to rectify the issues with the recording of the meetings.

### MISC

- ECDC Director John McCane requested approval from the Council to apply for a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of \$500,000.00. Charlie Smith has already signed the document due to a submission deadline. Amy Grocox moved to ratify Charlie Smith's signature approving applying for the grant. Second, by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves presented the Council with an Interlocal Agreement by and Between City of Rushville, Indiana and County of Rush, Indiana for dispatch services for approval. Denny Corn moved to approve and sign the interlocal agreement. Second, by Carl Harcourt. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves presented the Council with Resolution No. 2026-1. Declaratory Resolution of the County of Rush County Designating Property Generally Known as Hulsbosch Farms LLC Dairy as an Economic Revitalization Area for approval. Denny Corn moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-1. Second, by Carl Harcourt. All were in favor. Motion carried. Reeves also advised a public hearing would need to be set and an EDA would need to be approved by the commissioners. Public hearing will be

held on March 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Charlie Smith clarified that the county had approached Hulsbosch Farms LLC Dairy asking them to apply for this abatement.

- County Attorney Grant Reeves updated the Council on the courthouse bond.
- Chris May with the Community Foundation updated the Council regarding the revitalization projects in the community.

Motion to adjourn was made by Carl Harcourt. Second, by Denny Corn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The next Council meeting will be a Joint Special Meeting with the Commissioners on March 12, 2026.

/Charles Smith/  
Charles Smith, Chairman

/Scott Barnes/  
Scott Barnes

/Denny Corn/  
Denny Corn

/Janet Kile/  
Janet Kile

/Kyle Gardner/  
Kyle Gardner

/Carl Harcourt/  
Carl Harcourt

/Amy Grocox/  
Amy Grocox

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/  
Tammy Justice, Auditor