

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS February 23, 2026

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 23, 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 February 9, 2026, were presented. Jeff Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Minutes of the Special Session held on February 13, 2026, 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 February 23, 2026, in the amount of \$141,919.11 were presented. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the claims. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for February 27, 2026, in the amount of \$268,473.60 was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice for Mendenhall Associates requested the Commissioners approve and sign Form 2 for the closeout of the Anderson Township Regional Sewer District OCRA planning grant. Jeff Wilson moved to sign Form 2. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Commissioners the Henry Henley Public Library Board recommends appointing Kim Heim to the board for a term of four (4) years starting January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2029. Kenny Aulbach moved to appoint Kim Heim to the Henry Henley Public Library Board for a four (4) year term starting January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2029. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with the Treasurer's monthly report for January 2026.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval from the Commissioners for a three (3) year contract with Malcon for our IV-D cost allocation on indirect costs in the amount of \$12,000.00. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the three (3) year contract with Malcon. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Commissioners that the approved farm lease needs to be executed by them. Discussion was held and Kenny Aulbach would like soil samples to be submitted. Kenny Aulbach moved to sign the farm lease contingent on the submission of the soil samples.

Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried. County Attorney Grant Reeves advised that the lessor could have soil test results to the Commissioners this week.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Director Jodi Harr advised the Commissioners that one of the IV-D Administrators in the Prosecutor's office had resigned. Harr asked permission from the Commissioners to advertise that position. Kenny Aulbach moved to advertise for the IV-D Administrator. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Jodi Harr discussed with the Commissioners the crosswalk safety issues between the courthouse and parking lot. Ron Jarman will consult with KRM to look at redoing that crosswalk during the courthouse renovation.
- Director Jodi Harr reminded the Commissioners the Health Fair is April 1, 2026.
- Director Jodi Harr reminded the Commissioners Angie Hibner with What'sUp 24/7 would like to discuss the opportunity of a community-wide digital visibility platform with them.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised the Commissioners he had submitted three (3) county bridges for federal aid and all three (3) had been approved for the year 2030 at an 80/20 reimbursement.
- Sheriff Allan Rice discussed with Superintendent Jerry Sitton his plans for when the bridge on Goose Road is shut down. Discussion was held regarding a possible walking trail and complete closure. County Attorney Grant Reeves will review and get back to them.

TREASURER

- Treasurer Susan Spaeth advised the Commissioners she had sent the monthly January 2026 reports to them.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners regarding the leak in the roof.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that the Indiana Sheriff Association is trying to amend SB 285 which deals with homeless individuals. Rice recommends the Commissioners reach out to Jean Leising and ask her to vote no on that bill.

CLERK

- Clerk Jenny Sammons requested the Commissioners approve An Ordinance Providing for the Payment of Certain Election Expenses. Jeff Wilson moved to approve and sign the Ordinance. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MISC

- Whitney Koeling, manager of Municipal Programs for ARA discussed with the Commissioners the goal of zero traffic deaths program established by the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Association. Koeling requested approval from the Commissioner for Resolution 2026-2, A Resolution Committing to the Goal of Zero Traffic Deaths and Supporting

Participation in the Rush County Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. Jeff Wilson moved to sign Resolution 2026-2. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- County Attorney Grant Reeves presented the Commissioners with a revised interlocal agreement regarding the stormwater management fees the City of Rushville is requesting put on the property tax bills. Discussion was held regarding the mailing slips and any additional year's fees that may be encountered as well as the cost of printing and sending zero (0) tax bills to not for profits within the city limits. Jeff Wilson recommends putting termination verbiage in the agreement.
- Debbie Bruce for the Rush County Corral requested the permission from the Commissioners to use the 3rd floor of the Courthouse for the May 2nd and 3rd County Corral Concert. Discussion on security was held, and Sheriff Allan Rice said his budget would absorb the costs for the added security hours. Jeff Wilson moved to allow the May 2nd and 3rd concert. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Scott Hilderbrand requested the Commissioners vacate an alley in Carthage. Discussion was held regarding whether the Commissioners could vacate that alley or if Carthage needed to do that since they were incorporated. County Attorney Grant Reeves will reach out to the attorney for the town of Carthage. Jeff Wilson moved to set a public hearing on the vacated alley for March 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. if needed. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

/Ron Jarman/
Ron Jarman

/Absent/
Kenny Aulbach

/Jeff Wilson/
Jeffery Wilson

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor