

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 9, 2026

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 9, 2026, with Commissioners Ron Jarman and Jeff Wilson present. Kenny Aulbach was not 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 23, 2026, were presented. Jeff Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts payable claims for March 9, 2026, in the amount of \$479,324.38 were presented. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the claims. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for March 13, 2026, in the amount of \$269,174.53 was presented. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the payroll claims. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AREA PLAN

- Director Mike Holzback advised the Commissioners the APC Board has set a public hearing for April 1st, 2026, concerning the proposed UDO. Holzback advised that HWC will present the UDO at the April 1st meeting.
- Director Mike Holzback advised the Commissioners the APC Board held a public hearing regarding a moratorium on data centers. Holzback advised that the APC Board recommended placing a 12-month moratorium on all data center applications. Holzback advised the Commissioners the hearing was advertised as a 6-month moratorium, but the board recommended 12-months. Jeff Wilson moved to approve a 6-month moratorium with the understanding it can be extended if the UDO isn't complete. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Mike Hozback advised the Commissioners that the APC Board has recommended updating the fee schedule to show a 15% increase in fees. This increase will be more comparable to surrounding counties. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the increased fee schedule. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COURT SERVICES

- Director Ashley Stevens requested approval from the Commissioners to apply for the Justice Partners Addictions Response Grant in the amount of \$65,000.00 with no county match. Jeff Wilson moved to apply for the Justice Partners Addictions Response Grant. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Treasurer’s February monthly report to the Commissioners.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners he would be out of the office for approximately two (2) weeks starting April 10, 2026.

EMA

- Director Chuck Kemker updated the Commissioners regarding the recent rain fall totals.

TREASURER

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

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with the Highway’s monthly report for February.

MISC

- Steve Meyer requested approval from the Commissioners to vacate an alley at 4591 E. US Hwy 52, Rushville, Indiana. Jeff Wilson moved to set a public hearing on the matter for April 6, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Second, by Ron Jarman. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Ron Jarman gave an update regarding the tree removal and landscaping work in front of the courthouse.

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

/Ron Jarman/
Ron Jarman

/Abstain/
Kenny Aulbach

/Jeff Wilson/
Jeffery Wilson

ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor