

## **REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **April 6, 2026**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 6, 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 March 23, 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 April 6, 2026, in the amount of \$402,272.29 were presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the claims. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **PAYROLL**

- Payroll for April 10, 2026, in the amount of \$269,345.01 was presented. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the payroll claims. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Jeff Wilson moved to recess the regular commissioner meeting at 9:02 a.m. to hold public hearings. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNEX**

- The Rush County Commissioners conducted a public hearing for the BOT on the health department annex.

Hearing no public comment, Kenny Aulbach moved to close the public hearing. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **VACATED ALLEY**

- The Rush County Commissioners conducted a public hearing regarding the following petition to vacate a platted alley in the Unincorporated Town of New Salem in Noble Township. Said alley running East and West and being approximately 16 feet wide and 165 feet long located between Lots 1 and 18 in the Original Plat to the town of New Salem. The physical address of the property is E. US Highway 52, Rushville, Indiana.

Hearing no remarks from the public, Jeff Wilson moved to close the public hearing. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

At 9:06 a.m. The Regular Commissioner meeting was reconvened.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNEX**

- Resolution Number 2026-4 Board of Commissioners of Rush County Awarding Build-Operate-Transfer Transaction and Taking Certain Other Related Actions was presented to the Commissioners for approval. Jeff

Wilson moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-4. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- County Attorney Grant Reeves presented the Commissioners with Build-Operate-Transfer Agreement with GM Development for the health department annex for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to sign the agreement. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves presented the Commissioners with a Scoping Agreement with GM Development for the health department annex for approval. Jeff Wilson moved to sign the agreement. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves presented the Commissioners with a temporary easement for the health department annex for approval. Jeff Wilson moved to sign the easement. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested clarification from the Commissioners regarding a disconnect notice from Duke for outside lighting at the annex building. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the disconnect of the outside lighting. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **COURT SERVICES**

- Auditor Tammy Justice for Director Ashley Stevens advised the Commissioners they had approved the same grant twice by mistake at their previous meeting. Justice requested approval from the Commissioners to apply for the Community Corrections and Justice Reinvestment Grant Pre-Trial Grant in the amount of \$113,031.00 with no county match. The purpose of the is to provide financial assistance to certified pretrial service agencies or those in the planning stages pursuant to IC 35-33-8 and the Pretrial Service Rules. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve applying for the grant. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **AREA PLAN**

- Director Mike Holzback advised the Commissioners a public hearing was held regarding the Unified Development Ordinance, and the Area Plan Commission is giving a favorable recommendation to the Commissioners to accept the UDO with no data center language at this time. Brian Stumph with HWC was on hand to give a presentation and answer questions. Jeff Wilson wanted to reiterate to the public that no changes are being made to the UDO and that the current ordinances were being put into a new system. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the UDO. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **EMA**

- Director Chuck Kemker requested the Commissioners approval of his 2025 service record for his grant reimbursement. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the 2025 service record. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Chuck Kemker requested the approval of the Commissioners on the updated Plans and Annex pages. Jeff Wilson moved to sign the Plans and Annex pages. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Chuck Kemker presented the Commissioners with quotes from RAVE on the mass notification system. Kemker advised that most of the surrounding counties have switched from Nixel to RAVE. Discussion was

held regarding the length of the contract. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the RAVE contract contingent of termination clause. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Director Chuck Kemker discussed the 2024/2025 BRIC Grant with the Commissioners. Kemker stated the pre application must be submitted by May 1, 2026. After much discussion, Jeff Wilson moved to table the subject until the next meeting. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Chuck Kemker discussed with the Commissioners unresolved vehicle issues and expired warranty. County Attorney Grant Reeves will investigate sending a letter.

### **SHERIFF**

- Sheriff Allan Rice discussed Choice Mechanical contract with the Commissioners for preventative maintenance at the jail. Jeff Wilson moved to sign the contract. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners regarding the federal inmate agreement.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that the annual jail inspection will be on April 16, 2026. Rice advised that previous inspectors have indicated a feasibility study is needed which we do not have, and to prepare for this to potentially be brought up in this year's inspection.
- Sheriff Allan Rice presented the Commissioners with a contract with Virtual Academy for approval. Cost of the contract is \$2,352.00 and it is for additional training for dispatchers. Kenny Aulbach moved to sign the contract. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Allan Rice presented the Commissioners with a four-year contract with Electronic Communication Systems Inc. Cost of the contract is \$7,250.00 and it is for 911 Dispatch console and radio systems. Jeff Wilson moved to sign the contract contingent on termination language. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners of a drainage issue at the gun range.

### **AUDITOR**

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested the Commissioners sign an additional appropriation request for fund 1138 Cum Cap in the amount of \$700,000.00. Jeff Wilson moved to sign the additional appropriation request. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested the Commissioners sign a transfer request for fund 1138 Cum Cap in the amount of \$109,116.00. Kenny Aulbach moved to sign the transfer request. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Commissioners that a liability insurance broker had contacted her requesting information and deck sheets. Jeff Wilson moved to table this subject. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Commissioners that she had received a request from Marvin Rees to purchase the 2014 Ram Truck he utilized as surveyor. County Attorney Grant Reeves advised that since the amount is over \$1,000.00 the county would have to go through an offering process.

Kenny Aulbach moved to advertise to auction off the truck on May 18, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY**

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Highway Departments monthly reports to the Commissioners.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised the Commissioners that he had received the community crossing funds.

**MISC**

- Ordinance 2026-4 An Ordinance Vacating an Alleyway in New Salem, Indiana was presented to the Commissioners for approval. Jeff Wilson moved to sign Ordinance 2026-4 vacating an alley in New Salem, Indiana. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice for SIRPC, who was not present, presented documentation to the Commissioners for Draw #3 for the Rush County OOR Grant for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve draw #3. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Ron Jarman advised the Commissioners the county would like to dispose of a boat that is currently being housed by a deputy sheriff. County Attorney Grant Reeves advised that if the motion affirms that the boat is scrap the county could sign over the title. Jeff Wilson moved to scrap the boat and sign the title. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Ron Jarman advised the Commissioners that JM Mechanical had submitted a quote of \$9,508.00 to put air conditioning in the newly constructed server room. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the quote. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Amanda Harris, newly hired Director of the Chamber of Commerce, introduced herself to the Commissioners.
- Ron Jarman advised the Commissioners that Solid Waste had received their bond money and groundbreaking is scheduled for April 22, 2026.

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

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ATTEST:  
/Tammy Justice/  
Tammy Justice, Auditor