

## **REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS May 15, 2026**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, May 15, 2026, with Commissioners Ron Jarman, Jeff Wilson and Kenny Aulbach present. Auditor Tammy Justice was present, and County Attorney Grant Reeves was also present via zoom.

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 May 4, 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 May 15, 2026, in the amount of \$859,832.65 were presented. This included the jail bond payment of \$608,500.00. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the claims. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **PAYROLL**

- Payroll for May 22, 2026, in the amount of \$272,987.75 was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

At 9:03 a.m. the Public Auction to sell the 2014 Ram Truck was opened to bidders. The Auction was properly advertised.

Bidding on the 2014 Ram Truck started at \$2,000.00 and increased in increments of \$500.00 with Doug Corn and Solomon Rees for Marvin Rees bidding. Final bid was awarded to Marvin and Solomon Rees for \$4,000.00.

### **SIRPC**

- Chris May on behalf of SIRPC updated the Commissioners on the OOR projects.
- Chris May requested approval from the Commissioners for the Group #2 Contracts that were taken under advisement. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the Group #2 contracts. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Chris May expressed his and SIRPC's appreciation for the partnership with Commissioner Jeff Wilson as well as a huge thank you to the Assessor's office staff for all their work in resolving issues.

### **AUDITOR**

- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with the Treasurer's monthly report for April.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

- Auditor Tammy Justice for HR Director Jodi Harr presented the Commissioners with the health committee's recommendation to accept Option 6 with UMR for the employees medical/prescription carrier and

Berkshire Hathaway for our stop loss carrier. This will result in no changes in the medical insurance premiums to Rush County Employees. Kenny Aulbach moved to accept the health committee's recommendation. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Director Jodi Harr requested approval of the Veteran Service Officer's job description from the Commissioners. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the job description. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **AREA PLAN**

- The Commissioners discussed the resignation of Justin Orme to the APC board. After discussing, Kenny Aulbach moved to nominate Stormy Richardson to the APC Board. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **HIGHWAY**

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised the Commissioners that Dave O'Mara would start on Monday, May 18, 2026, grinding and paving in Homer, Manilla and Arlington.

### **TREASURER**

- Treasurer Susan Spaeth advised the Commissioners she had emailed April's monthly report to them.
- Treasurer Susan Spaeth advised the Commissioners that under 10% of spring taxes was left to collect.

### **CLERK**

- Clerk Jenny Sammons advised the Commissioners of a smooth election and stated she had received positive feedback on the vote centers.

### **SHERIFF**

- Sheriff Allan Rice discussed with the Commissioners the position of a full-time transport officer to assist with federal inmates. Rice stated he would like the position to be a combined position between transport officer and correction officer when not needed to transport. Jeff Wilson made the motion to create a full-time transport officer. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried. Kenny Aulbach moved to make an effective date for the full-time transport officer as of May 18, 2026. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners on the federal inmates as well as a local inmate issue.

### **MISC**

- At 9:02 a.m. Resolution 7-2026, A Resolution Declaring Property Surplus and Authorizing Sale for the 2014 Ram truck was presented to the Commissioners for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the Resolution. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Motion to sign the title for the 2014 Ram Truck was made by Kenny Aulbach. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Vicki Weitzel of Manilla addressed her concerns with the Commissioners regarding a hazardous corner at Pearl and Cross Streets in Manilla. Jeff Wilson advised Weitzel to file a formal complaint with APC Director Mike Holzback.

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

/Ron Jarman/  
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/Kenny Aulbach/  
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ATTEST:

/Tammy Justice/  
Tammy Justice, Auditor