

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 10, 2026

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 10, 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.

Immediately following the Pledge to the American Flag Ron Jarman opened the public hearing concerning the recommendation to award a public-private agreement for the development, construction, operation, and transfer of improvement projects located at the Rush County Courthouse to order. The meeting was properly advertised. Josh with GM Development presented the BOT to the Commissioners. Hearing no other comments from the public, Jeff Wilson moved to close the public hearing. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MINUTES

- Minutes of the Executive Session held on July 15, 2026, were presented. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second, by Ron Jarman. Jeff Wilson abstained. Motion carried.
- Minutes of the Special Session held on July 15, 2026, were presented. Kenny Aulbach made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second, by Ron Jarman. Jeff Wilson abstained. Motion carried.
- Minutes of the Regular Session held on July 27, 2026, were presented. Jeff Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second, by Ron Jarman. Kenny Aulbach abstained. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- Accounts payable claims for August 10, 2026, in the amount of \$462,800.65 were presented. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the claims. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for August 14, 2026, in the amount of \$271,157.40 was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATION

- County Attorney Grant Reeves presented the Commissioners with Resolution 2026-8, Awarding Build-Operate-Transfer Transaction and Taking Certain Other Related Actions for approval. Jeff Wilson moved to approve Resolution 2026-8. Second by, Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Grant Reeves advised the Commissioners that the RFPQ Committee had recommended GM Development LLC for the 12.3-million-dollar contract on the renovation project. Ron Jarman reiterated that 65% of the project is mechanical. Jarman also gave his appreciation to GM Development for working with them to decrease the amount stating another company's quote was over 17 million. Kenny Aulbach moved to sign the

GM Development contract. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor.
Motion carried.

AREA PLAN

- Director Mike Holzback advised the Commissioners that on August 5, 2026, his board held a public hearing on the extension of the data center moratorium. Holzback advised that his board had given a favorable recommendation to the Commissioners for a six (6) month extension on the data center moratorium. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the six (6) month moratorium on the data centers. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with an Unofficial Detour Reimbursement Contract between the State of Indiana and Rush County Highway Department for approval. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the contract. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton presented the Commissioners with his July monthly report.
- Ron Jarman inquired if the Highway Department had received payment from the State for the gas tax. Sitton advised he had received funds in July.
- Jeff Wilson advised that he had received a complaint regarding weeds at 650 W. and 900 S. Sitton advised he had already taken care of the issue.

AUDITOR

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

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that the population at the jail is 46 with 17 being federal inmates and 29 local inmates.
- Sheriff Allan Rice updated the Commissioners on the air conditioning issue at the jail. Rice advised that the compressor had been replaced and all units are now running at 100%.
- Ron Jarman advised Sheriff Allan Rice that he had no complaints with the previous courthouse security deputies and that he could not have replaced those two deputies with any two better employees.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Dixie Meyer updated the Commissioners on their move to the annex building. Meyer stated that the air conditioning issue had been fixed and they would be opening on Thursday, August 13, 2026, for an immunization clinic. Meyer questioned why the thermostat was placed where it was.
- Dixie Meyer advised the Commissioners that Cain Signs is requesting an agreement be signed before they complete the logos and signage. Total cost for the logos and signage is \$525.00. Jeff Wilson moved to proceed with Cain Signs. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried. Ron Jarman will sign the email and return to Cain Signs.

MISC

- Jeff Wilson requested approval from the Commissioners for a service contract with Cummins for the courthouse generator. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the contract. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Ron Jarman requested approval from the Commissioners for a contract with Sobek Enterprises Inc, for Mitsubishi-20KVA-UPS. This is for the courthouse UPS system and will extend the time before servers shut down during outages. Cost is \$49,599.00 for equipment and an additional \$3,000.00 in tariff charges. Jarman would like for this to be paid out of the courthouse roof bond money. The electrician's fee to install will be paid separately. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the contract. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Ron Jarman advised the Commissioners that two (2) switches would need to be purchased, one for the John Deere building and the other one for the annex building. Cost of each switch is \$15,000.00 and that includes five (5) years of maintenance. Jarman would like to use the courthouse roof bond money to pay for both switches. Jeff Wilson moved to not exceed \$30,000.00 for the purchase of both switches. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried. Ron Jarman requested approval of the Commissioners to purchase the current switch, which is on a trial basis, for \$28,000.00. Jeff Wilson moved to not exceed \$28,000.00 for the purchase of the current switch. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Jeff Wilson advised the Commissioners that the old Solid Waste building is being sold, and he is looking into purchasing shipping containers, that will be placed out at the county highway department, to store the EMA equipment that was being housed at the solid waste building. Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton is concerned with not having enough space. The commissioners are going to check and make sure the junk and wood that is currently at the highway department can be destroyed before placing the shipping containers. The commissioners will get prices from several different companies regarding the cost of the containers.

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

/Absent/
Ron Jarman

/Kenny Aulbach/
Kenny Aulbach

/Jeff Wilson/
Jeffery Wilson

ATTEST:
/Tammy Justice/
Tammy Justice, Auditor