

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 24, 2026

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 24, 2026, with Commissioners Jeff Wilson and Kenny Aulbach present. Ron Jarman was not present. Auditor Tammy Justice and County Attorney Grant Reeves were also present.

Jeff Wilson 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 Jeff Wilson opened the public hearing for bid opening of the Rush County Owner-Occupied Rehab Program. Bids were received by Jackson Construction and Mike Stahlin. The bids were taken under advisement. Jeff Wilson moved to close the public hearing. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

MINUTES

- Minutes of the Regular Session held on August 10, 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 August 24, 2026, in the amount of \$468,979.80 were presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the claims. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

- Payroll for August 28, 2026, in the amount of \$273,379.90 was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested approval from the Commissioner for Exhibit E Completion Statement for the Rush County Health Department with GM Development. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve and sign the completion statement. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with a Local Disaster Emergency Declaration for the recent flooding for approval. EMA Director Chuck Kemker advised the Commissioners that for businesses and residents to receive disaster relief, the declaration needs to be signed. Kenny Aulbach moved to sign the Local Disaster Emergency Declaration. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried. Kemker went on to state that the Flatrock River hit record highs in both the Raleigh and Rushville areas, and he is thankful the levee was in place to protect us.

HIGHWAY

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton requested approval from the Commissioners for an Unofficial Detour Reimbursement Contract between INDOT and Rush County. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the unofficial detour reimbursement. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised the Commissioners that with the recent flooding there are 18 bridges that are in critical status and must be inspected, however, they are not covered under the BI contract. Sitton presented the Commissioners with an updated agreement with Butler, Fairman and Seufert Inc. for approval to inspect those bridges. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the agreement. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Superintendent Jerry Sitton advised the Commissioners that INDOT has informed him that Rush County is not up to date with Title VI and ADA requirements. Sitton suggested hiring a consultant to do the update which must be done by end of September for him to receive community crossing funds from the state. Kenny Aulbach moved to table this issue. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AREA PLAN

- Director Mike Holzback advised the Commissioners that their appointment to the Board of Zoning had submitted his resignation.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Dixie Meyer updated the Commissioners on their move to the annex building.

RECORDER

- Recorder Debbie Richardson requested permission from the Commissioners to post a full-time deputy position in her office. Kenny Aulbach moved to allow positing the position. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that the east door on the sally port has been repaired, and the west door is scheduled for repairs as well.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that the new Durango’s are scheduled for equipment installation.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that one (1) Durango sustained damage during the recent flooding.

MISC

- Kenny Aulbach advised that he had received a request from Carole Yeend to place a sign on the courthouse lawn for the Daughters of the American Revolution. Jeff Wilson moved to allow the sign on the courthouse lawn. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

<u>/Abstain/</u>	<u>/Kenny Aulbach.</u>	<u>/Jeff Wilson/</u>
Ron Jarman	Kenny Aulbach	Jeffery Wilson

ATTEST:
/Heather Carlton/
 Heather Carlton, Auditor Assistant