

## **REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS April 20, 2026**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 20, 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 April 6, 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 April 20, 2026, in the amount of \$212,733.51 were presented. Jeff Wilson moved to approve the claims. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **PAYROLL**

- Payroll for April 24, 2026, in the amount of \$271,686.03 was presented. Kenny Aulbach moved to approve the payroll claims. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **SIRPC**

- Bids from Mike Stehlin, Jackson Construction and Hoosier Radon Remediation for six (6) Owner Occupied Rehab homes were opened. Jeff Wilson moved to take all bids under advisement. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **EMA**

- Director Chuck Kemker requested the Commissioners approval of a three-year contract with RAVE that included termination language. Discussion was held regarding the cancelation of Nixel and supplying them with a 30-day cancellation notice by June 1, 2026. Jeff Wilson moved to sign the non-auto renewal clause and send a 30-day cancellation letter to Nixel. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried. Jeff Wilson moved to sign the three-year contract with RAVE. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Director Chuck Kemker, along with Aaron Crow with DCCM spoke with the Commissioners regarding the BRIC grant and a possible phase approach on funding. After discussing, Ron Jarman advised his opinion would be to hold off to see what HEA 1 does to revenues. Kenny Aulbach moved to wait a year. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried. Director Chuck Kemker asked the Commissioners if they would like to explore the phase option compared to funding the complete project. Ron Jarman instructed that they would address that later.

### **AUDITOR**

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested clarification from the Commissioners regarding an invoice from Baker Tilly for \$3,500. Justice inquired if the

commissioners had an agreement with Baker Tilly. It was unclear if there was an agreement and the commissioners instructed Justice to reach out to Jason Semler with Baker Tilly.

- Auditor Tammy Justice requested the Commissioners schedule a budget workshop to prepare for the upcoming budget cycle. Budget workshop will be held on May 8, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.
- Auditor Tammy Justice presented the Commissioners with the Treasurer's monthly report for March.
- Auditor Tammy Justice advised the Commissioners that the auction for the Surveyor's truck would need to be held on May 15, 2026, instead of May 18, 2026.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested the Commissioners ratify Ron Jarman's signature for the disposal of a 1987 trailer that went with the boat that was previously scrapped. Jeff Wilson moved to ratify Jarman's signature on the title of the 1987 trailer. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Auditor Tammy Justice requested the Commissioners ratify Ron Jarman's signature on the AIA contract. Jeff Wilson moved to ratify signing the AIA contract. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **SHERIFF**

- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that the termination language had been added to the previously approved ECS contract, and requested signatures on the contract.
- Sheriff Allan Rice advised the Commissioners that the jail has now started housing federal inmates. Rice advised that as we move forward with transporting and housing federal inmates, he will be required by the Marshals to have a full-time transport officer, and he will desperately need a new transport vehicle.
- Sheriff Allan Rice read the press release from the Indiana State Police regarding the officer involved shooting that took place. Rice reiterated that this is still an ongoing State Police investigation and they will release facts once the investigation is completed.

### **RIDE RUSH**

- Kendra Waterman with Rush County Senior Citizens Center requested approval from the Commissioners on a Notification of Deobligation of Federal and State Transit Funds Letter. Waterman addressed questions the commissioners had regarding the close out letter. Ron Jarman noted the center had obtained \$200,000 in grant funds yet they did not obtain a vehicle and let approximately \$78,000 go back to the state. Kenny Aulbach moved to sign the close out letter. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Kendra Waterman requested the Commissioners approval to apply for the Section 5311 Rural Transit grant in the amount of \$313,997 with a \$10,000 county match. Jeff Wilson moved to allow applying for the grant. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER**

- Treasurer Susan Spaeth advised the Commissioners she had sent them the March monthly report.

At 10:21 a.m. Kenny Aulbach stepped out of the meeting and returned at 10:25 a.m.

## IT

- Director Randy Herbert discussed with the Commissioners the agreement with Beacon that was requested by the Surveyor and GIS. Discussion was held regarding costs for Beacon compared to Sidwell. Jeff Wilson would like Herbert to renegotiate the price with Beacon. Ron Jarman recommended starting in September, which will reduce the start-up fees with Beacon.

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Dixie Meyer presented the Commissioners with a quote from Russell Electric in the amount of \$16,900 for a generator for the annex building for approval. Kenny Aulbach moved to sign the quote with Russell Electric. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## MISC

- David Wilkie with United Fund advised the Commissioners the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Five in 50 bike ride raised \$20,000 for United Fund and a donation of \$2,000 was given to the county. Wilkie requested permission from the Commissioners to use the county again in 2026 for the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Five in 50 ride on September 19, 2026. Jeff Wilson moved to allow the Five in 50 ride. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Britt Buhler, who shares property/fence lines with county owned property advised the Commissioners he had been maintaining the fence line and spraying weeds for 50 years. This spring a tile needed to be cleaned out at the cost of \$1,750 and requested the Commissioners share the cost. Kenny Aulbach moved to share half the cost with Buhler. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Ron Jarman requested the Commissioners ratify his signature on a contract with Choice Mechanical to replace a piece on the courthouse chiller in the amount of \$1,620.00. Jeff Wilson moved to ratify signing the contract with Choice Mechanical. Second, by Kenny Aulbach. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- Ron Jarman advised the Commissioners that Beth Walsh with community of YOUnity requested the light in the courthouse clock tower be changed to green in May for mental health. Kenny Aulbach moved to allow the light in the clock tower to be green for the month of May. Second, by Jeff Wilson. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- ECDC Director John McCane updated the Commissioners regarding ongoing community projects and businesses. McCane also advised he had reached out to Bellflower regarding reimbursement of fees the county had paid.

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

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ATTEST:

/Heather Carlton/

Heather Carlton, Auditor Assistant