

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
AUGUST 11, 2025
9:00 a.m.**

Kelly Carlson, Jeff Fishero, Denise Crowder, Todd Hegg and Jeff Carver were present. Dudley Cruea and Jim McKee were absent.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Jeff Fishero and seconded by Todd Hegg to approve the minutes of the Council meeting on July 14, 2025 and the joint Commissioner's Council Meeting on July 21, 2025.

Vote: 5-0

A motion was made by Jeff Fishero and seconded by Todd Hegg to approve the joint Commissioner's Council Meeting on July 21, 2025.

Vote: 4-0

Review & Acknowledge Clerk's Monthly Report for July 2025

A motion was made by Todd Hegg and seconded by Jeff Fishero to acknowledge the Clerk's Monthly Report for July 2025.

Vote: 5-0

Report of Collections – as submitted

A motion was made by Jeff Carver and seconded by Todd Hegg to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Ambulance, Clerk, and Sheriff for July 2025.

Vote: 5-0

TRANSFERS

CCD

From: 1138-0172-10600	Part Time	\$677.21
To: 1138-0172-33690	Elevator/Wheel Chair	\$677.21

911

From: 1000-22520-0303	Uniforms	\$264.00
To: 1000-33800-0303	Training & Education	\$264.00

A motion was made by Jeff Fishero and seconded by Denise Crowder to approve the transfers.

Vote: 5-0

ADDITIONALS

911 Dispatch

1000-14000-0303	Overtime	\$45,499.91
1000-16000-0303	Part Time	\$20,000.00

Public Hearing– 911 Dispatch -Overtime & Part time

Hearing Opened at 9:06 a.m.

	10204	IV-D Administrator	\$ 3,725.00		\$ 143,269			
	10303	IV-D Secretary	\$ 3,725.00		\$ 143,269			
	10600	Part Time Clerk	\$ 3,339.00			\$18.00 p/hr		
	1222 Statewide 911 Fund							
	10402	Director	\$ 65,000.00	n/a	\$ 2,500,000	Excluded		X
	10409	Deputy Director	\$ 52,201.00	76.0	\$ 2,007,731	\$26.42	\$ 39,627	
	1223 Non Reverting E-911 Dispatch							
	10206	Operators (3) @ \$45,606.70	\$ 143,663.00	76.0	\$1,754.10	\$23.08	\$34.62	
	10600	Part Time	\$ 10,000.00			\$19.00		
	14000	Overtime	\$ 20,000.00					
	15000	Holiday pay	\$ 54,000.00		\$ 150.00	p/holiday worked		
						pd for (9) major holidays, New Years Eve, New Years Day, Easter		
						Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve & Christmas		

* Appropriation for time worked in calendar year 2025.

FLSA STANDARDS WILL BE FOLLOWED WHEN APPLICABLE
Part Time not to exceed 28 hour work week except for temporary/seasonal employees

Prior to filling any open employment position in the County, the Department Head seeking to fill the position shall notify the Auditor of the vacancy and the Department Head's intention to fill said vacancy.

The Auditor shall then promptly notify the Commissioners and the Members of the Council giving them an opportunity to provide input prior to the vacancy being filled.
Each County position is designated either as EXCLUDED, EXEMPT, or NON-EXEMPT from federal and state wage and hour laws (such as the Fair Labor Standards Act [FLSA]); and

2025 Salary Ordinance

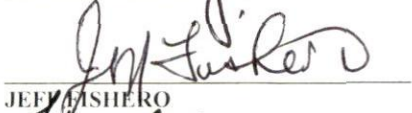
Presented to the County Council of Fountain County, Indiana , on (July 14, 2025)

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DUDLEY CRUEA

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JEFF FISHERO

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KELLY CARLSON

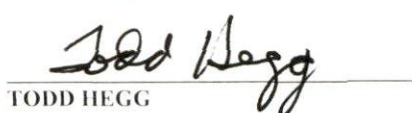
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ATTEST:


KIM JOHNSON
FOUNTAIN COUNTY AUDITOR

Public Comment

Hearing Closed at 9:07 a.m.

A motion was made by Todd Hegg and seconded by Jeff Carver to approve the additional request.

Vote: 5-0

WARREN COUNTY CONTRACT

Carol asked about the status of the contract with Warren County for 911 Dispatch. Kelly and Aaron talked to them. Warren County is working on it, still in negotiation. Carol asked about a comparison between years. Floater position reinstated to help with part time and overtime.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Jason Lewis-not present

Jason informed everyone that they have about ten miles left for chip and seal. They are taking the week off for patching, cutting and mowing.

Jeff Fishero- update on the health building- Indiana Foundation is there working now.

Soil and Water- Lori Jordan

Student intern starting this week. 319 Grant will be going through. Lori is attending Farm Bureau drainage school. Virtual training if anyone would like to join.

Ambulance- Garth Kagels

Paramedic stepped down due to better benefits elsewhere. Twelve-hour medic taking over. Has not heard a response on the remount. Will need an additional; he will be bringing it to the next joint meeting. He is working on getting an ambulance in 2026 to stay with every other year. Request for proposal could be 2028.

Sheriff- Andrew Krout

Andrew discussed the updates with the new sewer line. Tom Fishero has certifications to maintain. He would like to meet with the contractor and commissioners.

Department of corrections not paying bills. Last check was August of 2024 for March-May 2024. Still owe for June 2024 through current. All sheriffs working on how they can get the department to pay. Ethan Myers would like to look in to it as well. Rate went from \$37.50 to \$42 a day. Andrew believes legislation sets the rate. He would like to contact Matt Commons. Larry Schrock asked if the county was part of housing for illegal aliens prior to deportation. County is not involved in the housing.

WEGA- Kim Kalweit

75% of Readi 1.0 to be sent out in September. Kim is going to Indy this week to take a course for a community grant.

Landfill- Greg Robinson

Everything looks good with the landfill. State was happy with the report from Greg. On the final phase to take out the borrow area.

Carol Freese- Celebration Committee

Fountain County was recognized by the state for the work on the Cades Mill Bridge. Carol asked about approving the \$12,000 for the monument to be done for celebration on May 2, 2026.

A motion was made by Denise Crowder and seconded by Todd Hegg to approve funding the monument for \$12,000.

Vote: 5-0

Highway Department Building

Kelly would like to have Jason present for this discussion, but wants to keep it moving. Aaron stated two appraisals have come in for the annex. Will be added to joint meeting. Invoices for appraisals possibly to come out of commissioners consulting fees.

Public Comment

Carol asked if the appraisals will be available. Ethan would like to use the two appraisals to start a general building area. He would like to double check before releasing them. He doesn't want them to affect what people will bid.

Budget Hearings

Budget hearings for the 911 Dispatch, Vet Services, Health Department, Emergency Management, Landfill, Treasurer, Recorder, Purdue Extension and Clerk followed the Council Meeting.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE A JOINT
AUGUST 18, 2025
AT 6:00 P.M.**

Hand-outs:
Financial Reports

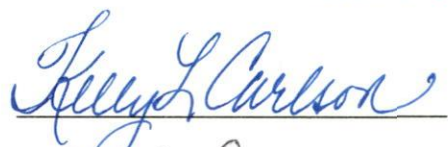
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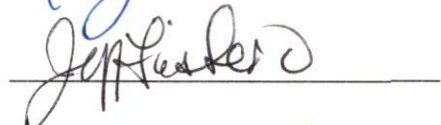
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A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Denise Crowder and seconded by Todd Hegg.

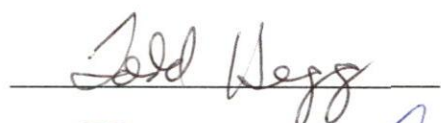
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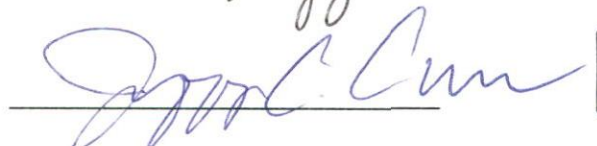

ATTEST











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