

**MINUTES  
JOINT FOUNTAIN COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS & COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 15, 2025  
6:00 P.M.**

Aaron Fruits and KW Rice were present for the Commissioners. Tim Shumaker was absent.

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

**Call meeting to Order:**

Fountain County Commissioners – Aaron Fruits  
Fountain County Council – Kelly Carlson

**Review and Acknowledge Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation & Monthly Comparison Report**

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to acknowledge the Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation for October 2025 and Monthly Comparison Report.

Vote: 2-0

A motion was made by Dudley Cruea and seconded by Jeff Fishero to acknowledge the Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation for October 2025 and Monthly Comparison Report.

Vote: 7-0

**Sheriff Holiday - TABLED**

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to table the approval of a PTO day in lieu of the \$150 holiday pay.

Vote: 2-0

A motion was made by Todd Hegg and seconded by Jim McKee to table the approval of a PTO day in lieu of the \$150 holiday pay.

Vote: 2-0

**Department Heads**

**Highway – Jason Lewis**

Jason stated that he had an interview setup with Indot regarding Bridge#39. He wanted to make sure it was okay to sign. The Commissioners stated it was fine with them. Community Crossing bids will be read at the January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Jason did have some encumbrances. He sent those to the Auditor. They wanted permission to have their Christmas party on Friday 12/19/2025. This was granted. There has been a lot of snow lately. The highway would like to find a better material to be used for keeping the roads clearer. Jason would like Greystone to come in and look at the salt barn. This would help with saving product.

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to approve Wayne Laswell as the EMS Interim Director for 2025.

Vote: 2-0

**Treasurer Stipend - Tabled**

The Council will discuss this with attorney. They want to make sure they are doing it legally.

**Security Automation Systems- Jail Server**

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to approve the quote from Security Automation Systems.

Vote: 2-0

A motion was made by Todd Hegg and seconded by Dudley Cruea to approve the quote from Security Automation Systems.

Vote: 2-0

**Resolution 2025-13**

**Purchase of the paving equipment by Fountain County from Tippecanoe County.**

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to approve the Resolution 2025-13 and purchase of the Paver by Fountain County from Tippecanoe County.

Vote: 2-0

A motion was made by Jeff Fishero and seconded by Todd Hegg to approve the Resolution 2025-13 and purchase of the Paver by Fountain County from Tippecanoe County.

Vote: 7-0

**Resolution 2025-14**

**Adopting the Fountain County Multi-Hazard Mitigation plan 2025**

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to approve the Resolution 2025-14, Fountain County Multi-Hazard Mitigation plan 2025.

Vote: 2-0

**ADDITIONALS**

**Hearing Opened at 6:39 p.m.**

**Public Comment** – This will have to come out of the CEDIT fund

**Hearing Closed at 6:41 p.m.**

**Additional**

**Health Insurance - \$150,000.00**

A motion was made by Dudley Cruea and seconded by Denise Crowder to approve the additional request.

**Salary Ordinance - Tabled**

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt the 2026 Salary Ordinance.

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**WEGA**

A bill was submitted by Donovan Construction for \$214,393.66. The auditor will get ahold of Dustin Meeks to see if this is able to be paid.

**Dolphin Solar**

Kelly Carlson stated her contract with the solar company is no longer active. Dudley would like her to be the contact now. She accepted.

Kelly and the rest of the Council thanked the Highway for their hard work during the snow.

Aaron Fruits and KW Rice thanked all the employees, especially Garth for his years of service.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**THE NEXT FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
MEETING WILL BE  
MONDAY  
JANUARY 05, 2026  
At 9:00 A.M.**

**THE NEXT FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL  
MEETING WILL BE  
TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 30, 2025  
AT 10:30 A.M.**

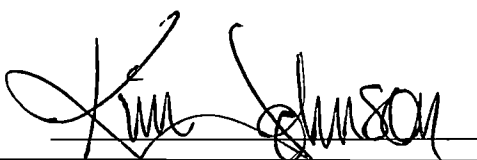
A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to close the meeting for the Commissioners.

Vote: 2-0

A motion was made by Denise Crowder and seconded by Todd Hegg to recess the meeting for the Council.

Vote: 7-0

<<Subject to Change >>



James M. Hefner  
App. C. C. M.

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