

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 08, 2025
9:00 A.M.**

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Jeff Fishero and seconded by Dudley Cruea to approve the minutes of the Council meeting on October 30, 2025.

Vote: 6-0

A motion was made by Dudley Cruea and seconded by Jeff Carver to approve the minutes on November 10, 2025.

Vote: 6-0

REPORT OF COLLECTIONS – as submitted

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Jeff Fishero to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Ambulance and Clerk for November 2025.

Vote: 6-0

Review & Acknowledge Clerk's Monthly Report for November 2025

A motion was made by Dudley Cruea and seconded by Jim McKee to acknowledge the Clerk's Monthly Report for November 2025.

Vote: 6-0

Health Department Vehicle and Moving Expenses

The Health department would like to purchase a vehicle for \$38,753.30. This has been advertised.

ADDITIONALS -

Hearing Opened at 9:07 a.m.

Public Comment – Carol Owens asked why we buy instead of lease. Jeff Carver stated due to mileage. Jenny told her it is because the grant funds that are used, state we have to buy the vehicle.

Hearing Closed at 9:08 a.m.

A motion was made by Dudley Cruea and seconded by Jim McKee to approve the additional request to purchase the Health Department new vehicle.

Vote: 6-0

Highway- Jason Lewis

Jason stated he received the Community Crossings Grant. This will be used to do Coffing Brother's Road from 234 to 32 in 2026. Tippecanoe County currently has a paver for sale for \$45,000. They are willing to sell this to Fountain County for \$40,000. Jason does have the money in the budget.

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Denise Crowder to transfer \$40,000 to a new equipment line item for the purchase of the paver. Vote: 6-0

The highway did receive 3 bids. Milestone, HIS and Campbell Excavating submitted bids. Campbell Excavating was awarded the bid.

EMA- Tina Holmes

Tina was able to work out a new Pest Control contract for 3 years.

Sheriff- Andrew Krout

Andrew discussed the camera system at the jail. This needs to be updated. Some of the cameras are at their life expectancy. This can be taken out of Special LIT. They will discuss at the Joint meeting on 12/15/25.

TRANSFERS

911

From: 1000-10212-0303	Floater	\$3,000.00
To: 1000-10211-0303	Lead Operator	\$3,000.00

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From: 1222-10600-0000	Parttime	\$200.00
To: 1222-10409-0000	Deputy Director	\$200.00

A motion was made by Jim McKee and seconded by Dudley Cruea to approve the transfers.

Vote: 6-0

Salary Ordinance discussion (vote on 12/15/25)

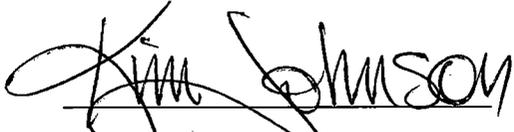
Jim McKee stated he will not run for reelection for District 4.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol Owens asked how much taxes were paid by to the state and county by the Solar Companies. She had some other questions regarding the tax bills. Amber Roarks will look into this and present something at the joint meeting.

THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE DECEMBER 15, 2025
AT 6:00 P.M.

SUBJECT TO CHANGE


ATTEST



