



**FOUNTAIN COUNTY JOINT COMMISSIONERS AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Date: 01/23/2026

Time: 09:00AM

1. Call to Order:

Call to order the January 23rd meeting of the Fountain County Commissioners

Commissioner's President: Aaron Fruits

Call to order the January 23rd meeting of the Fountain County Council.

Council President: Kelly Carlson

Time: 09:00 AM

2. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance:

3. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present

- Aaron Fruits
- KW Rice
- Tim Shumaker

Council Members Present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Kelly Carlson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Carver |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jeff Fishero | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim McKee |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denise Crowder | <input type="checkbox"/> Todd Hegg |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dudley Cruea | |

Also, Present:

- Kim Johnson, County Auditor
- Lisa Spiering, Secretary, Auditor's Office
- Ethan Myers, County Attorney

4. Approval of Agenda:

Action Requested: Approve agenda as presented/amended

- Motion by: KW Rice
- Second by: Aaron Fruits
- Vote: Passed 2-0 Failed _____

- Motion by: Denise Crowder

• Second by: Jeff Fishero

• Vote: Passed 6-0 Failed _____

5. Elected Official & Department Reports:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Auditor, Kim Johnson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Department, Jenny Eads |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treasurer, Tiffany Wells | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Highway Superintendent, Jason Lewis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assessor, Amber Roarks | <input type="checkbox"/> Landfill, Greg |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk, Patty Smith | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jail, Andrew Krout, Deputy Sheriff |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recorder, Nikki Allen | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff, Terry Holt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coroner, Kayla Holt | <input type="checkbox"/> Prosecutor, Daniel Askren |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EMA Director, Tina Holmes | <input type="checkbox"/> Vet Services, James Wynne |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EMS Director, Wayne Laswell | <input type="checkbox"/> 911 Director, Dana Stonebraker |

Ambulance – Wayne Laswell

Wayne said there is a CPR class next week. He also had a \$39 late fee due to not having access to a credit card.

Health Department – Jenny Eads

Jenny said that there will be an increase of \$1,374.20 due to one county opting out. She allocated that to utilities. She will have more utility bills and needs to get an additional. They will need to pay nurse liability, Brad Keller, the movers, and PHEP. This will be put on the agenda for February and advertised for the March meeting.

Highway Department – Jason Lewis

Jason received the bids for the Community Crossings projects. Milestone and Rieth Riley were the lowest priced. For fuel bids, Jason would like to stay with Newton Oil. They would like to break ground on the new highway building in May/June. They are ready for the storm this weekend; However, the salt does not work below 15 degrees.

WEGA – Kim Kalweit

Kim has been working on the Kingman water issues. She is also working on the Veedersburg revitalization project. They will be having the kids paint murals on the amphitheater.

Sheriff Department – Andrew Krout

Andrew discussed the Holiday pay for the Sheriff Department.

Action Requested: Approve Sheriff Deputies to recognize 16 holidays

- Motion by: KW Rice
- Second by: Aaron Fruits
- Vote: Passed 2-0 Failed _____

6. Unfinished Business:

Acknowledgement of Commissary Report – Sheriff for July 01, 2025 through December 31, 2025

- Motion by: Dudley Cruea
- Second by: Jeff Fishero

Vote: Passed 6-0 Failed _____

7. New Business:

Schneider Geospatial LLC – Invoice #I009243 \$5,461.20 (Beacon Schneider)

- Motion by: KW Rice
- Second by: Aaron Fruits

Vote: Passed 2-0 Failed _____

- Approval of Carpet and Painting quotes for Assessor, Auditor, Clerk, Recorder and Treasurer's Offices
- Motion by: KW Rice
- Second by: Aaron Fruits

Vote: Passed 2-0 Failed _____

- Motion by: Dudley Cruea
- Second by: Denise Crowder

Vote: Passed 6-0 Failed _____

- Discuss Sheriff Holidays
 - Maternity Leave
 - Getting more information before making a decision
 - Next Meeting Date and Time – Joint Meeting will be rescheduled for 02/23/2026 at 6:00 PM
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08. Correspondence & Announcements:

09. Council Member Comments:

Public Comment:

Carol Owens asked about the tree removal at the Health Department. She said Jon Bushue would be cheaper. The

11. Adjournment:

Commissioners

- Motion by: KW Rice
- Second by: Aaron Fruits

- Vote: Passed: 2-0
- Time adjourned: 10:08 AM

Council

- Motion by: Denise Crowder
- Second by: Dudley Cruca
- Vote: Passed 6-0

NEXT MEETING: Commissioner's meeting on Monday, February 02 2026, at 9:00 AM

Council's meeting on Monday, February 09, 2026, at 9:00 AM

in the Commissioner's Meeting Room.

*****SUBJECT TO CHANGE*****



ATTEST




