

**MINUTES  
JOINT MEETING  
FOUNTAIN COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL  
JULY 17, 2023  
9:45 A.M.  
(Immediately following Commissioner Meeting)**

The following Fountain County Commissioners were present at the meeting: Brenda Hardy, Andrew Hall and Tim Shumaker.

The following Fountain County Council were present at the meeting: Dale White, Kelly Carlson, Jim McKee and Jeff Fishero.

Brenda Hardy called the meeting to order.

**READI Grant**

Discussion was heard on the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the READI Grant. A letter of intent has been requested from Scott Walker from Greater Lafayette Commerce showing Fountain County's interest in continuing the partnership for READI 2.0.

A motion was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Tim Shumaker to commit to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the READI Grant. Vote: 3-0

Dale White made a motion and was seconded by Jim McKee to commit to READI 2.0. Vote: 4-0

(Tim Shumaker had to leave the meeting)

**Health Funding**

Discussion was heard on the Health Department budget for 2024. It has increased from \$258,000 to \$359,000. The tax rate was discussed along with the Public Health Funding. It was determined the public health funding would not be beneficial for Fountain County at this time.

A motion was made by Dale White and seconded by Jeff Fishero to opt out of the Public Health Funding for the first year. Vote: 4-0

**LIT – EMS**

The Council and Commissioners would like to set up a meeting to discuss the possibility of LIT – EMS for Fountain County in 2024. They would possibly invite Jason Semler from Baker Tilley to attend to explain the process.

**Plan Commission/Economic Development**

Jim McKee reported that the Plan Commission is in the process of updating the zoning maps. He also explained that there is land allocated at the intersection of 341/74 for an interchange. He would like to have an interchange at that location. They would have to talk to INDOT and may also have to ask for political help. This could be very beneficial for that portion of the county.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Andrew Hall and seconded by Brenda Hardy. Vote: 2-0

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dale White and seconded by Jim McKee.

Vote: 4-0

Commissioners

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Attest:

Conor Chambers

Council

Dale A. White  
Kelly L. Carlson  
James D. Cooper  
John Listero