

**FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Date: 03/09/2026

Time: 09:00AM

1. Call to Order:

Call to order the March 9th meeting of the Fountain County Council

Council President: Kelly Carlson

Time: 09:00 AM

2. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance:

3. Roll Call:

Council Members Present

Kelly Carlson

Jeff Fishero

Denise Crowder

Dudley Cruea

Jeff Carver

Jim McKee

Todd Hegg

Also, Present

Kim Johnson, County Auditor

Lisa Spiering, Secretary, Auditor's Office

Ethan Myers, County Attorney

Approval of Agenda:

Action Required: Approve agenda as presented/amended

- Motion by: Dudley Cruea
- Second by: Denise Crowder
- Vote: 6-0 Passed _____ Failed

5. Approval of Minutes: Meeting Date: 02/09/2026

Action Required: Approve agenda as presented/amended

- Motion by: Denise Crowder
- Second by: Dudley Cruea
- Vote: 6-0 Passed _____ Failed

Approval of Minutes: Meeting Date: 02/23/2026

Action Required: Approve agenda as presented/amended

- Motion by: Jeff Fishero
- Second by: Todd Hegg
- Vote: 5-0 Passed _____ Failed

Elected Official & Department Reports:

Auditor, Kim Johnson

Treasurer, Tiffany Wells

Assessor, Amber Roarks

Clerk, Patty Smith

Recorder, Nikki Allen

Coroner, Kayla Holt

EMA Director, Tina Holmes

EMS Director, Wayne Laswell

Wega, Kim Kalwiet

Health Department, Jenny Eads

Highway Superintendent, Jason Lewis

Landfill, Greg Robinson

Sheriff, Terry Holt

Deputy Sheriff, Andrew Krout

Prosecutor, Daniel Askren

Vet Services, James Wynne

911 Director, Dana Stonebraker

EMA – Tina Holmes

Tina has contacted the company regarding the lift. She is waiting to hear back.

Ambulance- Wayne Laswell

Wayne said this is the lowest payroll of the year. He had a question on the stipends for team leads. He does have it in his budget. There are 4 team leaders. He would like to go with an outside billing company called 911 Billing. They will come in and train. This also takes a lot of liability off the county. Parke County also uses them and has had positive feedback. He is looking at different options to get equipment more efficiently.

Health Department- Jenny Eads

Jenny was absent but told Kelly all additional will come out of 1206 except the movers, which will come out of 1159. This will be voted on at the 04/13/26 meeting

Highway – Jason Lewis

Jason had Ryan from Brown equipment here for any questions on the mower. Dudley said that would be out of next year’s budget. There are several options due to years leased. There are no early penalties. They will also be paying off 2 graders.

- **Highway Department - Brown Equipment Quote – 3 year Plan**
- Motion by: Dudley Cruea
- Second by: Todd Hegg
- Vote: 6-0 Passed _____ Failed

Prosecutor – Daniel Askren

Daniel presented the Council with information regarding replacing the current clerk position with another Deputy Prosecutor. He does have money he can move around on top of what he has in the vacant position line. The Council will discuss at the 04/13/26 meeting.

911 – Dana Stonebraker

Dana got the measurements for the PSAP and they are a little too big. She should have new measurements by the end of the week. She still needs a parttime employee. She would like the CTO pay to be increased by \$3,006. Dana said this is a correction to offset the leads and the operator positions. The council felt like once the salary was adopted, they did not want to amend. Dana feels like they will lose the CTOs. She needs them to train. Jeff asked if they could wait until next budget. Dana said no, they need to be compensated now. Kelly asked about splitting \$1,500 between the 2 CTO.

WEGA – Kim Kalweit

She will be submitting information for a letter of support.

7. Unfinished Business:

Clerk’s Monthly Report for February 2026

- Motion by: Dudley Cruea
- Second by: Jeff Fishero
- Vote: 6-0 Passed _____ Failed

Report of Collections – Sheriff, Ambulance, Health Dept& Clerk February 2026

- Motion by: Jeff Carver
- Second by: Todd Hegg
- Vote: 6-0 Passed _____ Failed

Treasurer’s Monthly Report for January 2026

- Motion by: Dudley Cruea
- Second by: Jeff Fishero
- Vote: 6-0 Passed _____ Failed

- Maternity Leave – Put on agenda for 04/13/26

- Longevity Resolution 2026-01 -Change to pay last period each quarter
- Motion by: Dudley Cruea
- Second by: Denise Crowder
- Vote: 6-0 Passed _____ Failed

8. New Business:

Public Hearing – Additional

Beginning Time: 10:24

- Utilities \$1,819.82

- Repair & Maintenance \$7,500.00
- IT \$4,585.00
- Movers \$4,850.00
- Nurse Liability \$12,000.00
- PHEP \$18,000.00

- Public Comment
Movers for \$4,850.00 will be on agenda for 04/13/26

- Motion by: Jeff Fishero
- Second by: Denise Crowder
- Vote: Passed 6-0 Failed _____
- End Time: _____

- **AXIOS Presentation**
Axios gave a presentation on benefits.

- **Busse Excavating LLC - \$28,532.00 – TABLED UNTIL 04/13/2026 (Council wants septic looked at first)**
- Motion by: _____
- Second by: _____
- Vote: _____ Passed _____ Failed

9. Correspondence & Announcements:

10. Council Member Comments:

11. Public Comment:

12. Adjournment:

Action Required: Approve agenda as presented/amended


- Motion by: Jeff Carver
- Second by: Todd Hegg
- Vote: 6-0 Passed _____ Failed
- Time Adjourned: 11:04

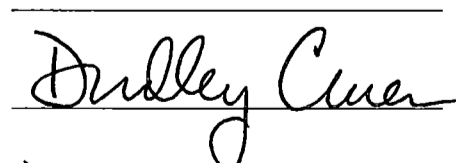
**NO JOINT MEETING ON MARCH 16, 2026
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING ONLY AT 6:00 PM**

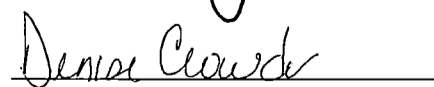
NEXT MEETING: Council Meeting will be April 13, 2026

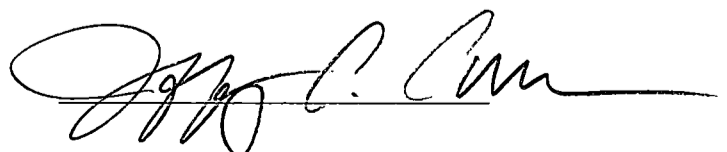
At 9:00 AM in the Commissioner's Meeting Room.

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