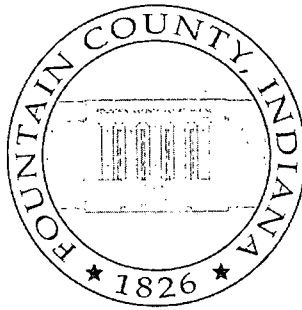




**FOUNTAIN COUNTY JOINT COMMISSIONERS AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Date: 06/15/2026

Time: 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order:

Call to order the 15th meeting of the Fountain County Commissioners

Commissioner's President: Aaron Fruits

Call to order the June 15th meeting of the Fountain County Council.

Council President: Kelly Carlson

Time: 6:06 pm

2. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present

☒ Aaron Fruits

☒ KW Rice

☐ Tim Shumaker

Council Members Present:

☒ Kelly Carlson

☒ Jeff Fishero

☐ Denise Crowder

☒ Dudley Cruea

☒ Jeff Carver

☐ Jim McKee

☒ Todd Hegg

Also, Present:

☐ Kim Johnson, County Auditor

☐ Heather Brouse, Secretary, Auditor's Office

☐ Ethan Myers, County Attorney

3. Approval of Agenda: 06/15/2026

Action Requested: Approve agenda as presented/amended

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

- Motion by: Jim McKee
- Second by: Dudley Cruea

- Vote: x Passed 6-0 ☐ Failed

4. Elected Official & Department Reports:

X 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

— Health Department, Jenny Eads

 Highway Superintendent, Jason Lewis

___ Landfill, Greg

__Chief Deputy Sheriff, Andrew Krout

__Sheriff, Terry Holt

__Prosecutor, Daniel Askren

__911 Director, Dana Stonebraker

X WEGA, Kim Kalweit

Ambulance- Wayne Laswell

Wayne asked the Council about the backpay. He stated he was told he would receive backpay when he took over the director position. The Council stated they had not discussed. Wayne said they are already at \$70,000 for the month in billing and it is only half way through. He stated he found an error in the taxing information and will be receiving a refund. A refund will be issued for \$26,000 for federal and \$14,000 for state. He said he will need extra for billing this year, but may be able to move money from different line items.

Highway – Jason Lewis

Jason stated that last week's storms were bad and the guys had to work a lot of hours. He said all roads are now passible. There were damages to some roads and Jason is scheduled to meet with Cameron Seymour to assess the structures. The new mower will be here on Thursday. He would like to thank Dispatch, Sheriff Dept and Emergency Management for help during the storm.

Sheriff Dept – Andrew Krout

Andrew explained the Enterprise Lease to everyone. We typically buy 4 per year. Enterprise would manage the vehicle fleet. They will contact Andrew every quarter or every 6 months and get a breakdown of vehicle mileage. They would like to get something moving at round 80,000-90,000 miles. They would like to replace 6 vehicles if we go with them. Next year could be 1 or 2, it just depends on mileage. There are currently 4 vehicles with over 100,000 miles and 2 with 80,000 miles. Kelly asked if at the end of the lease we could buy them outright. Andrew will find out. If you buy the vehicles outright, it would be roughly \$414,000 and if you lease them it would be \$320,000 over the course of the lease. The outfitting is also built into the lease price. Warren and Vermillion counties also use Enterprise.

Patty Smith messaged Aaron to announce that the 25th and 26th is when they will be doing the recount.

5. Unfinished Business:

Enterprise Lease Agreement

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

Transfers

Ambulance - \$24,777.85

\$4,777.85

1000.0301.33630 Cot Maintenance to 1000.0301.33435 Nsure Billing

\$20,000.00

1000.0301.44101 Equipment to 1000.0301.33435 Nsure Billing

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

Website – Revize or Civic Plus

- Motion by: KW Rice
- Second by: Aaron Fruits
- To Approve: Civic Plus
- Vote: X Passed 2-0 ☐ Failed _____

Baker Tilly – Annual Information Report 063026

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

Hoosier Associates

- Blake Schoen from Hoosier Associates introduced himself to those who didn't know him. He has met with several departments.

USI

- Discussed Bridge improvement

Comments

Jeff Fishero-

Jeff went to the state meeting and some information. MUST wants a committee to get together and get an idea of the needs and data for SB1. They would like the clerks and financial officers, auditor, and 2 council people were on the MUST committee. This is just to collect data. They also discussed townships and mergers. They are phasing out the old homestead deduction and phasing in a supplemental homestead.

Dudley Cruea

In 2020, the Council passed a resolution to put .005 of the Cambridge fund to be used only for the covered bridges. SBOA approved this but will not let us use a special line item. Therefore, we have to

figure it out every year using form 22. Through last November’s taxes, we have collected \$268,596.80. Spent \$205,700 on Cades covered bridge. Dana Harvey has gotten an estimate to remove the graffiti on the Wallace covered bridge and fix loose boards. The Commissioners would like to have Dana go ahead.

6. New Business:

7. Correspondence & Announcements:

8. Commissioner or Council Member Comments:

9. Public Comment:

- **Donnie Martin**
Mr. Martin stated that his property at 300 South and Graham Creek. He has had that property for awhile and has had nothing but problem with the water. He would like something done. He would like to see a ditch on the southside. Jason Lewis said he would look at it. Donnie said he is tired of waiting on the county to do what they are supposed to do. Jason asked if they had called and notified the county. Jason said he would be more than happy to look. Mr. Martin said he would get an attorney if necessary
- **Brad Allen**
Brad Allen has 70 acres. He would like a culvert put in so that he can run cattle across the road. He said there is so much traffic. He is located at 1150 west and 700 south.
- **Angie and Wes Burke**
Angie and Wes wanted to talk about the ambulance situation in Attica. She stated that the city of Attica was in favor of the old Burkes being leased for the ambulance department. They have put together a presentation on what would be done to the building. They presented a list of reasons it should be used. They are interested in a long-term lease with renewals.
- **Bill Brewer**
Bill agreed with Donnie Martin and stated that the road or ditch needed to be fixed.
- **Jaime**
She has been involved with animal welfare for years. She does understand that the contract with paws and claws was not renewed. She was wondering what they are going to do. She said maybe the jail could assume the animal control. She has seen this in other counties. Aaron Fruits stated they are discussing the situation.

- **Dane Maltsburger**

Dane discussed why transparency matters. He talked about why it is important for NDA agreements. He gave the Commissioner's a handout.

10. Adjournment:

Commissioners

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

Council

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

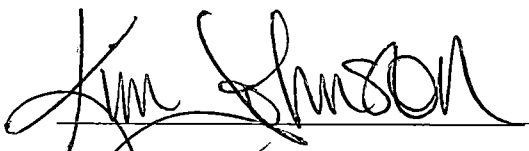
- Time adjourned: 8:05 PM

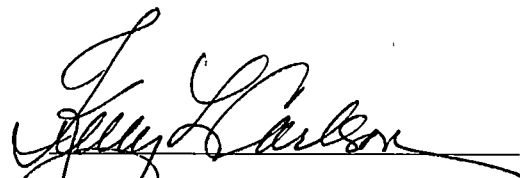
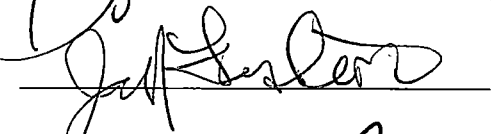
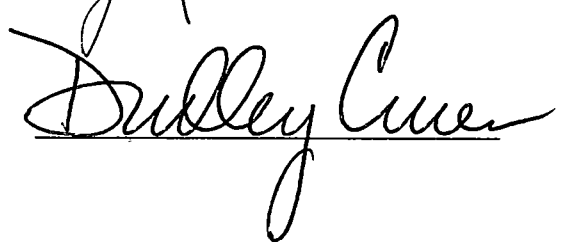
NEXT MEETING: Commissioner's meeting on **Monday July 06, 2026, at 9:00 AM**

Council's meeting on **Monday July 13, 2026, at 9:00 AM**

in the Commissioner's Meeting Room.

SUBJECT TO CHANGE


ATTEST

Joseph C. Carr