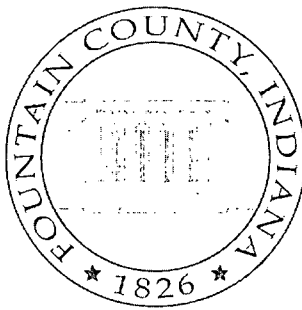




**FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Date: 08/10/2026
Time: 9:00AM

1. Call to Order:

Call to order the August 10th meeting of the Fountain County Council
Council President: Kelly Carlson
Time: 9:00AM

2. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance:

3. Roll Call:

Council Members Present

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| ☒ Kelly Carlson | ☒ Jeff Carver |
| ☒ Jeff Fishero | ☒ Jim McKee |
| ☒ Denise Crowder | ☐ Todd Hegg |
| ☒ Dudley Cruea | |

Also, Present

- ☒ Kim Johnson, County Auditor
☒ Lisa Spiering, Secretary, Auditor’s Office
☐ Ethan Myers, County Attorney

4. Approval of Agenda: 08/10/2026

Action Required: Approve agenda as presented/amended

- Motion by: Jim McKee
- Second by: Jeff Fishero
- Vote: 6-0 Passed ☐ Failed

5. Approval of Minutes: Joint Meeting Date: 06/08/26

Action Required:

- Motion by: Jeff Carver
- Second by: Jeff Fishero
- Vote: 6-0 Passed ☐ Failed

Approval of Minutes: Joint Meeting Date: 06/15/26

Action Required:

- Motion by: Jim McKee
- Second by: Dudley Cruea
- Vote: 5-0 Passed ☐ Failed

6. 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
- ☒ Health Department, Jenny Eads

☒ Hwy Superintendent, Jason Lewis

☐ Landfill, Greg Robinson

☒ Sheriff, Terry Holt

☐ Deputy Sheriff, Andrew Krout

☐ Prosecutor, Daniel Askren

☐ Vet Services, James Wynne

☐ 911 Director, Dana Stonebraker

Ambulance

Wayne informed the Council that the billing line item is low. He has moved money around, but will not have enough through the end of the year. He explained how much money he has been able to bring in and how well the new system is working. Dudley said someone had asked EMS to transport them to St Vincent on 86th street. Fountain County doesn't go to Indianapolis. It would leave the County uncovered. They can take you to Lafayette or Crawfordsville but it takes too long and there are not enough trucks to take them to Indianapolis. Dudley asked if we could charge more to take them to Indianapolis. Wayne said yes, but then we need to add another truck so there will be enough coverage for the County. He said if we have more trucks, we can go farther out. Dudley said they were concerned when something could have happened in Crawfordsville when they need to go to Indianapolis. Wayne stated that Crawfordsville is an emergency department and fully capable to stabilize them and move them on. Wayne said if they want to put 2 more trucks on, one in Attica and one in Veedersburg, they will be able to go wherever. Dudley asked if Warren County had more trucks. Wayne said that Warren County isn't covered all the time

Community Crossings resurfacing

Jason said Reith Riley is finishing up on Coffing Brother's Road. He is working with USI to get next year's projects prepared.

Sheriff Vehicles Update

Terry Holt said there is one vehicle in Lafayette right now. The others have been ordered. There is a total of 5 vehicles.

7. Unfinished Business:

Report of Collections – Recorder, Ambulance, Clerk and Sheriff July 2026

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

Clerk's Monthly Report for July 2026

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

8. New Business:

- LIT Resolution discussion
Ethan is working on the resolution for the LIT. This is part of the HFI funding for the match.
Dudley thought we had to approve the special LIT. This will be ready at the next meeting,
- MUST

- This is a meeting that each county has to have. This is part of the SB1. Kelly Carlson is working on getting this meeting scheduled.
- **Mileage rate**
The Council would like to raise the mileage rate due to the State also being raised. The state rate is now .725. The Council would like to increase the rate. They would also like to raise the reimbursement rate for meals. It is currently \$30 a day.
 - **BW Build**
Josh gave an update on the Highway building. He answered any questions the Council had.

Public Hearing – Additional

Beginning Time: 9:12 AM

- **Health insurance - \$350,000.00**
- **Health department - \$27,388.00**
- Motion by: Jeff Fishero
- Second by: Dudley Cruea
- Vote: Passed 6-0 Failed _____
- **Health department - \$27,388.00**
- Motion by: Jeff Fishero
- Second by: Jim McKee
- Vote: Passed 5-0 Failed _____ (Dudley Cruea abstained)
- End Time: 9:16 AM

9. Correspondence & Announcements:

10. Council Member Comments:

11. Public Comment:

Linda Reynolds said the dangerous intersection sign on the bridge going out of town is blocked. She wanted to see if that could be fixed.

Larry Schrock said he has heard a lot of chatter about people being upset or dissatisfied with our zoning administrator. The Zoning administrator is Larry’s son Jon. Larry said as a citizen, he would like someone who know government from state level to county level and understands how it works. He would like someone who knows what issues are coming up. He wants someone who knows how to address those issues and how to protect the community.

Linda Reynolds stated she has had both the city and the county in her home with regard to zoning. She was pleased with Mr. Schrock. She said he was informative. She doesn’t understand the right way to do things legally. She said she was extremely disappointed with the city. They didn’t have a comprehensive plan. She has also discussed this with the State. She said she wants to do this correctly.

Budget Hearings followed the meeting.

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MONDAY AUGUST 17, 2026 AT 6:00 PM
JOINT MEETING MONDAY AUGUST 17, 2026 AT 6:00 PM
IN THE COMMISSIONER'S ROOM

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Budget Hearings

08/10/26 9:15 AM -2:30 PM

08/17/26 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM

08/24/26 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM


ATTEST

