

**MINUTES
JOINT FOUNTAIN COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS & COUNCIL
JUNE 16, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

The following Fountain County Commissioners were present at the meeting:
Aaron Fruits and KW Rice. Tim Shumaker was absent

The following Fountain County Council members were present at the meeting: Kelly Carlson, Denise Crowder, Jim McKee, Jeff Fishero, and Jeff Carver. Todd Hegg was absent.

Call meeting to Order:

Fountain County Commissioners – Aaron Fruits
Fountain County Council – Kelly Carlson

Tradecraft Specialty Contractor, LLC

A quote was made by Tradecraft Specialty Contractor, LLC to do work in the Commissioners Room.

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to approve the quote from Tradecraft.

Vote: 2-0

A motion was made by Dudley Cruea and seconded by Jeff Fishero to approve the quote from Tradecraft and pay from the Council's budget.

Vote: 6-0

Department Heads

Discussion - BOT Contract for Highway Garage

Aaron asked the Council what they are thinking regarding money. He is thinking between \$4-\$6 million range. He would like to get started as soon as possible. Denise Crowder asked what all was included in that price. Aaron stated this would include the Salt Barn, Fuel Station and Main Building. Dudley said he would like to see designs. He would also like to see the County do this with no bonds. Denise would like to see it at the lower end.

Public Comment

Bill Brewer asked if it was possible to use Maple Corner for the new health department and possibly 911. Kelly said they had talked about it but the renovations would be too expensive. They discussed if anyone was interested in purchasing Maple Corner. Ethan Myers said several people are interested. Bill also said the previous commissioners said the evening meetings are not needed. Aaron Fruits and KW Rice stated that they are necessary. KW wants to give the working public a chance to attend a meeting and be updated on the County.

Carol Owens asked about different locations for the Health Building. There were 2 other buildings available. The Donovan Building has been looked at and it would be over cost due to renovations needed. Kelly was thinking the other building was a square footage building.

Kim Kalweit stated it was a good thing not many people attending. This showed the Council and Commissioners are doing their jobs.

Jenny Eads discussed the BMV building in Veedersburg. Jeff Fishero stated that they did not want to fix anything until the county provided a down

will now take the test. In August and September there are more classes. She will also take those.

- COVERED BRIDGE CERTIFICATION
- BRIDGE INSPECTION CONTRACT
- BAKERTILLY – ANNUAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
- PUBLIC COMMENT

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE MONDAY
JULY 7, 2025
AT 9:00 A.M.

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to close the meeting.



Vote: 2-0

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payment. Kelly said she had an issue with securing funds for down payment without reassurance issues would be fixed. Ethan will write up a contract stating these issues need completed within 90 days or the county will have them fixed and that will come off the price.

**THE NEXT FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER
MEETING WILL BE**

July 21, 2025

At 9:00 A.M.

**THE NEXT FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
MEETING WILL BE**

MONDAY, June 14, 2025

AT 9:00 A.M.


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A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to close the meeting for the Commissioners.

Vote: 2-0

A motion was made by Denise Crowder and seconded by Jim McKee to close the meeting for the Council.

Vote: 6-0


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