

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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.

MINUTES

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to approve the minutes of the Commissioner's meeting on June 02, 2025.

Vote: 2-0

CLAIMS 1– 181 (443,727.12) and Payroll Claims

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to approve all claims.

Vote: 2-0

Report of Collections – as submitted

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Sheriff Department and Clerk for May 2025.

Vote: 2-0

Review and Acknowledge Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation & Monthly Comparison Report

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to acknowledge the Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation for March 2025 and April 2025 and Monthly Comparison Report.

Vote: 2-0

Order to Establish New Precincts

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Highway- Jason Lewis

Jason stated they have been working and everything is going smoothly regarding the Community Crossings project. He would like to request the Highway department going to 10-hour days working Monday through Thursday while they are chipping and sealing. Aaron stated the Commissioners and Council will discuss. USI representatives were present. They were present to answer any questions regarding the new contract. They would also like to take on another Federal Bridge, Bridge #39. They would like to work on this before it becomes a historic bridge. Kelly Carlson stated they would discuss.

Ambulance – Garth Kagels

Garth reported there is no new information regarding the remounts. He is still looking at roughly August. He is gathering some numbers in regards to new ambulances. A couple of the ambulances have a few cosmetic issues that need cleaned up, but are under warranty. Garth said they are currently fully staffed. He and Jeff have been watching the overtime for employees.

WEGA – Kim Kalweit

Kim spoke with Steve Kennedy regarding the grants. He will follow up and give Kim a list of all details regarding grants. Kim will be meeting next week to go over grant information. She has finished the CDBG 101 course. She

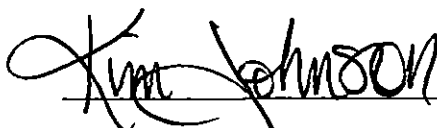
Wayne DeLong said he would gladly answer any questions. He said once the project starts it should take roughly 24-36 months. Kelly asked if the project has been sold. Wayne stated it had and they would announce the new owner over the next few months.

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May 19, 2025
AT 6:00 P.M.


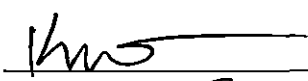
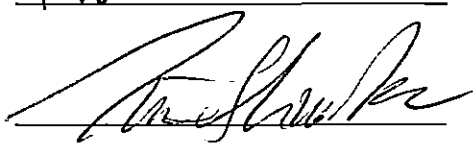
A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by KW Rice to close the meeting.

Vote: 3-0

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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.


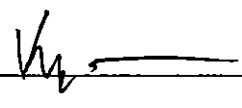
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**MINUTES
JOINT FOUNTAIN COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS & COUNCIL
JUNE 16, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

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