

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 6, 2025
9:00 A.M.**

Aaron Fruits, KW Rice and Tim Shumaker were present.

MINUTES

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to approve the minutes of the Joint Commissioner's & Council meeting on September 29, 2025.

Vote: 2-0

CLAIMS 1-176 (\$713,513.74) and Payroll Claims

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by KW Rice to approve all claims.

Vote: 3-0

REPORT OF COLLECTIONS – as submitted

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Tim Shumaker to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Clerk and Ambulance for September 2025.

Vote: 3-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

EMA-Tina Holmes

Tina said she has been filling out grant information.

Highway- Jason Lewis

Jason gave information regarding Community Crossings. The money has been budgeted but an additional will be needed. They would also like to put in a school zone sign for the new school near Wallace. Ethan Myers will look into this.

Kim Kalweit

Kim informed the Commissioners that she had received a letter approving the Attica project. She wanted to confirm with the Commissioners.

RESOLUTION 2025-1 – Resolution approving scoping agreement with BW Construction LLC (Highway Garage & Maintenance Facility)

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve Resolution 2025-1.

Vote: 3-0

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BIDS

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Tim Shumaker to accept the bid from Donovan Construction on the reconstruction of the Health Department.

Vote: 3-0

APC & BZA POSITION

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Tim Shumaker to replace Jessica Anderson with Dave Phillips on the APC.

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A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Tim Shumaker to replace Jessica Anderson with Dave Phillips on the BZA

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ASSESSOR – APPRAISER BIDS

The Assessor's office received one bid from Tyler Technologies for \$430,680.00. This is a 4-year reassessment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue Anderson wanted to know if there was a way to get more microphones and speakers.

Linda Reynolds wanted to know if Jason had contacted the Cemetery board. He has not had a chance but will get to this asap.

Jessica Anderson would like the Commissioners to accept her resignation and rescind the letter they sent stating she failed to follow legal advice.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by KW Rice to accept Jessica Anderson's resignation.

Vote: 2-0

Aaron Fruits abstained

Dane Maltberger would like to know the reasoning behind Jessica Anderson's immediate firing and if there is any legal issues. He would like the County to be transparent as possible. He would also like to see a separation of power. Tim Shumaker wanted to go on the record stating he had nothing to do with the Dolphin Solar permit being pulled. He did not know this was going to happen.

Sheriff – Andrew Krout

Andrew stated the grinder is up and working. Tom Fishero has been checking it and is getting a contract together to submit to the County.

Sue Anderson would like public hearings put on the website.

Jessica Anderson does not understand why the Commissioners will not rescind their letter. She said this goes against her character.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Aaron Fruits to rescind the letter.

Vote: 2-1

KW Rice said he sat between Jon Schrock and Jessica Anderson and he recalls this incident.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE A JOINT MEETING ON
MONDAY
OCTOBER 20, 2025
AT 6:00 P.M.**

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

Vote: ____

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Kim Johnson

ATTEST

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