

**MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 03, 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 Commissioner's Meeting on October 20, 2025.

Vote: 2-0

CLAIMS 1-148 (\$263,158.07) 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 Health Department for September 2025.

Vote: 3-0

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

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Tim Shumaker to acknowledge the Treasurer's Bank Reconciliation for September 2025 and Monthly Comparison Report.

Vote: 3-0

TYLER TECHNOLOGIES- ASSESSOR

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by KW Rice to approve the contract from Tyler Technologies.

Vote: 3-0

HEALTH BOARD

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by KW Rice to reappoint Kendal Buker and Michael Hohenstien to the Fountain County Health Board until 12/31/2030.

Vote: 3-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

911-Dana Stonebraker

Dana did have a parttime employee go fulltime. Training is currently going well. Dana has been working on the console. She is currently looking for a parttime employee.

Ambulance-Garth Kagels

Garth stated that they may get the remount within the next couple of weeks. The company will be getting ahold of Garth and keeping him updated.

Highway-Jason Lewis

Jason informed the Commissioners about the USI Federal Aid Bridge#39. He wanted them to see the costs. The bids for Bridge#103 will be coming in around November 17th.

Sheriff-Andrew Krout

Andrew said that Tom Fishero has sent a contract for the grinder. The grinder does need a heater, which could possibly be put in this week. The thermostat would need to be special ordered. Tom does go out a couple times per week to check on the grinder.

Kelly Chevrolet in Fort Wayne does have 3 vehicles in stock. Andrew is not happy with the trade in value and will keep working on this.

Tom Fishero – Grinder contract

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by KW Rice to approve Tom Fishero’s contract regarding the grinder pending Ethan Myer’s approval.

Vote: 3-0

PHI Discussion

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by KW Rice to approve the contract with PHI.

Vote: 3-0

GES Agreement – Cameron Seymor

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to approve the agreement with General Engineering Services.

Vote: 2-0

Tim Shumaker abstained

Public Hearing –

Moratorium on AI Data Center and Battery Energy Storage Systems

Zoning Ordinances

Hearing Opened at 9:12a.m.

Public Comment

Hearing Closed at 9: 14 a.m.

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to approve the moratorium on the AI Data Center and Battery Energy Storage Systems and Zoning Ordinances. This will be one year from today 11/03/202-11/03/2026.

Vote: 2-1

TRANSFERS

Highway

From: 1135.0000.22420	Bituminous	\$845.73
To: 1135.0000.22320	Gravel	\$845.73

Ambulance

From: 1000.0301.44101	Equipment	\$45,000
To: 1000.0301.16000	Parttime	\$45,000

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by KW Rice to approve the transfers and send to the Council.

Vote: 3-0

EV Plus Presentation – Eli Haskett

Eli Haskett gave a presentation on Sourcewell and how they can help the county with purchasing ambulances. They will help with the bidding process also.

Aaron Fruits stated they will not be commenting on the lawsuit that has been filed against Fountain County. Tim Shumaker stated he would like to talk about it. Aaron stated that the County Attorney had recommended not discussing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Brewer would like to see things changed with the ordinance.

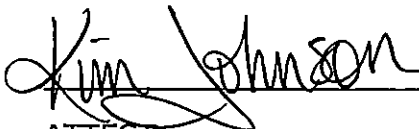
Carol Owens wanted to know if GES will replace Roger Azar. Aaron Fruits informed her that it would replace him.

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

Vote: 3-0

**THE NEXT REGULAR COMMISSIONER MEETING ON MONDAY
NOVEMBER 17, 2025
AT 6:00 P.M.**

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ATTEST

