

MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 5, 2026
9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by KW Rice to approve the minutes of the Commissioner's meeting of December 01, 2025

Vote: 3-0

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to approve the minutes of the Commissioner's meeting and Joint Meeting of December 15, 2025

Vote: 3-0

CLAIMS 1-127 (\$295,758.55), Non published and Payroll Claims

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

Vote: 3-0

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Tim Shumaker to appoint Aaron Fruits as President of the Board of Commissioners for 2026.

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Aaron Fruits to appoint KW Rice as Vice-President of the Board of Commissioners for 2026.

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to appoint Tim Shumaker as Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for 2026.

Vote: 3-0

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Aaron Fruits to appoint KW Rice as President of the Drainage Board for 2026.

Vote: 3-0

APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Tim Shumaker to appoint Ethan Myers as the County Attorney for 2026.

Vote: 3-0

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Tim Shumaker to approve Wayne Laswell as the interim EMS Director for 2026.

Vote: 3-0

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by KW Rice to appoint

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Tim Shumaker to appoint Aaron Fruits to the LEPC Board for 2026.

Vote: 3-0

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by KW Rice to appoint Aaron Fruits to the Board of Finance for 2026.

Vote: 3-0

A motion was made by KW Rice and was seconded by Aaron Fruits to appoint Tim Shumaker to the Community Action Program Board for 2026.

Vote: 3-0

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by KW Rice to appoint the following to the Insurance Committee for 2026.

Aaron Fruits	_____
Commissioner	Council Member

Kim Johnson	Lisa Spiering	Vote: 3-0
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(The council will appoint a member along with the Auditor and the Payroll/HR Clerk.)

JAIL COMMITTEE

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Aaron Fruits to appoint the following to the Jail Committee for 2026.

Tim Shumaker	Vote: 3-0
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EMA ADVISORY BOARD

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by KW Rice to appoint Aaron Fruits to the EMA Advisory Board for 2026.

Vote: 3-0

DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by KW Rice to appoint Wayne Laswell to the District Planning Committee for 2026.

Vote: 3-0

PLAN COMMISSION - TABLED

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ to appoint _____ to the District Planning Commission for 2026.

Vote: _____

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by KW Rice to appoint Rodger Foster to the Alcoholic Beverage Board for 2026.

Vote: 3-0

TRUSTEES OF FOUNTAIN COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST

A motion was made by KW Rice and seconded by Tim Shumaker to appoint Aaron Fruits as trustee for the employee benefit trust.

Vote: 3-0

(The council will appoint a member along with the auditor and the payroll clerk.)

E-911 BOARD

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Aaron Fruits to appoint KW Rice to the E-911 Board for 2026.

Vote: 3-0

Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) Appointment - TABLED

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ to appoint the following to the Board of Zoning Appeals Board:

Vote: _____

Advisory Plan Commission (APC) Appointments - TABLED

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ to appoint the following to the Area Plan Commission.

Vote: _____

BIDS

A motion was made by Tim Shumaker and seconded by Aaron Fruits to take all bids under advisement.

Vote: 3-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Ambulance- Wayne Laswell

Wayne discussed the billing software and clearing house. They will not be able to bill for 60 days due to the current software expiring. EMS had a Christmas party and everyone had a good time. They are working on the Timeclock system being utilized. Wayne is also working on the CPR certifications. He is working on getting the urinalysis to be taken at the health department.

Sheriff- Andrew Krout

Aaron Fruits asked Denise Crowder what her concerns were with this change. She stated money was short everywhere. She also stated they can work short, but is that safe and best for taxpayers? Overtime for Dispatch and EMS is already short.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol Owens questioned holidays. The day after Christmas was a holiday this year. Carol also wanted to know if the Commissioner's watched the last Council meeting on 12/30/25. She wanted to know why they do not attend Council meetings. Aaron Fruits stated he hadn't had a chance yet, but will. He said they do have joint meetings once a month to keep communication open with both the Commissioners and Council. Carol also said it appears Wayne is doing a good job as EMS director.

Larry Schrock asked about AT&T. He said there may be different fiber optic internet available.

Jason Lewis stated he will take the bids and do a bid calculation to let everyone, including bidders know status.

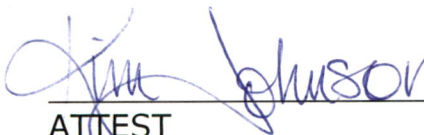
**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY
January 20, 2025
AT 6:00 P.M.**

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

Vote: 3-0

Next:
Ordinance 2026-1
Resolution 2026-2

<<< SUBJECT TO CHANGE >>>



ATTEST

