

**FOUNTAIN COUNTY JOINT COMMISSIONERS AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Date: 04/20/2026

Time: 9:00 AM

1. Call to Order:

Call to order the April 20th meeting of the Fountain County Commissioners

Commissioner's President: Aaron Fruits

Call to order the April 20th meeting of the Fountain County Council.

Council President: Jeff Fishero

Time: 9:16 AM

2. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present

- Aaron Fruits
- KW Rice
- Tim Shumaker

Council Members Present:


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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Carlson - Zoom | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Carver |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Fishero | <input type="checkbox"/> Jim McKee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Denise Crowder | <input type="checkbox"/> Todd Hegg |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dudley Cruea | |

Also, Present:

- Kim Johnson, County Auditor
 - Lisa Spiering, Secretary, Auditor's Office
 - Ethan Myers, County Attorney
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3. Approval of Agenda: 04/20/2026

Action Requested: Approve agenda as presented/amended

- Motion by: KW Rice
 - Second by: Aaron Fruits
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- Vote: Passed 2-0 Failed _____

- Motion by: Denise Crowder

- Second by: Dudley Cruea

Role Call Vote

Kelly Carlson – Y, Jeff Fishero – Y, Denise Crowder – Y, Dudley Cruea – Y, Jeff

Carver - Y

- Vote: Passed 5-0 Failed _____

4. Elected Official & Department Reports:

Auditor, Kim Johnson

Treasurer, Tiffany Wells

Assessor, Amber Roarks

Clerk, Patty Smith

Recorder, Nikki Allen

Coroner, Kayla Holt

EMA Director, Tina Holmes

EMS Director, Wayne Laswell

Health Department, Jenny Eads

Highway Superintendent, Jason Lewis

Landfill, Greg

Jail, Andrew Krout, Deputy Sheriff

Sheriff, Terry Holt

Prosecutor, Daniel Askren

911 Director, Dana Stonebraker Kim Kalweit – WEGA Contract

Sheriff – Terry Holt

Terry needs to get the updated portable and mobile radios. He can pay \$7,535.99 from misdemeanor and \$12,317.82 from the commissary account. They will vote on this at the Joint meeting on 05/18/2026 meeting.

EMA – Tina Holmes

Tina is working on getting information for the lifts. Dudley asked if there were any other quotes. Tina explained that other companies wanted her to do the measurements. She stated that the County could use \$32,000 from her EMPG Grant. Kim Johnson will advertise using the grant money and building repairs.

Kim Kalweit - WEGA

Kim asked about the funding for WEGA. There wasn't any in the budget, but the Council will figure it out and discuss with her. The contract is up until 2027.

5. Unfinished Business:

Next Day Access Greater Indianapolis – Lift

- Motion by: KW Rice
- Second by: Aaron Fruits
- Vote: Passed 2-0 Failed _____

6. New Business:

Highway Building Discussion - Build BW

Build BW gave a presentation on the Highway Garage. They have come up with ways to cut costs. They presented a power point to the Commissioners and Council. They said right now the turn key price would be 7.63 million. The Council was thinking the original price was 6-7 million. All members agree this is absolutely needed. BW stated that once everything is ready to go and approved, it would be around 12 to complete.

7. Correspondence & Announcements:

8. Council Member Comments:

Jeff Fishero said that Andrew Krout will be having a zoom meeting with enterprise tomorrow. He will update the group once he knows more.

9. Public Comment:

Carol Owens-

Carol asked how the County would pay for the highway. Dudley stated that there is enough in the general fund. She would like to know how much land is available. Greg Robinson said there are 32 acres on side of the railroad and 18-20 more acres on the other side.

Clint Kilby –

Clint Kilby asked if he could get some clarification on Jeff Fishero’s comment regarding the state saying we were not allowed to rescind the economic revitalization area. Ethan Myers said he is currently working on this. Jeff Fishero stated he was at the APC meeting and asked where we were on this process and if payments were being received. Jeff stated at the APC Colin Snow sat beside him. Jeff asked Colin if the county was getting payments. He told Jeff that one should be received next week. Clint asked if the Council voted to rescind this, why are they going back on this. Jeff said that Ethan is working on this and will find out more information. Denise Crowder stated that the county did not ask them to send a payment. Ethan Myers stated they are not going back on anything right now. Clint Kilby said he does not feel Jeff Fishero represents the county. He then asked for Jeff Fishero’s resignation. Dudley stated he was under the impression we were acting on the rescission. Ethan Myers said his advice was not to comment at a public meeting at this time until speaking with Michelle.

10. Adjournment:

Commissioners

- Motion by: KW Rice
- Second by: Aaron Fruits
- Vote: Passed 2-0 Failed _____

Council

- Motion by: Denise Crowder
- Second by: Dudley Cruea_
Role Call Vote
Kelly Carlson – Y, Jeff Fishero – Y, Denise Crowder – Y, Dudley Cruea – Y, Jeff Carver - Y
- Vote: Passed 5-0 Failed _____


- Time adjourned: 9:59 AM

NEXT MEETING: Commissioner’s meeting on Monday, May 04 2026, at 9:00 AM

Council’s meeting on Monday, March 11, 2026, at 9:00 AM

in the Commissioner's Meeting Room.

SUBJECT TO CHANGE


ATTEST

