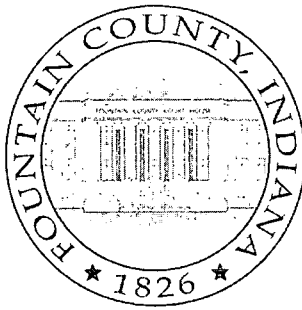




**FOUNTAIN COUNTY JOINT COMMISSIONERS AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Date: 05/18/2026

Time: 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order:

Call to order the May 18th meeting of the Fountain County Commissioners

Commissioner's President: Aaron Fruits

Call to order the May 18th meeting of the Fountain County Council.

Council President: Kelly Carlson

Time: 6:03 PM

2. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present

- ☒ Aaron Fruits
- ☒ KW Rice
- ☐ Tim Shumaker

Council Members Present:

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| ☒ Kelly Carlson | ☒ Jeff Carver |
| ☒ Jeff Fishero | ☒ Jim McKee |
| ☒ Denise Crowder | ☐ Todd Hegg |
| ☒ Dudley Cruea | |

Also, Present:

- ☒ Kim Johnson, County Auditor
 - ☐ Heather Brouse, Secretary, Auditor's Office
 - ☐ Ethan Myers, County Attorney
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3. Approval of Agenda: 05/18/2026

Action Requested: Approve agenda as presented/amended

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

 - Motion by: Jeff Fishero
 - Second by: Denise Crowder
 - Vote: Passed 6-0
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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
- ☐ Chief Deputy Sheriff, Andrew Krout
- ☐ Sheriff, Terry Holt
- ☒ Prosecutor, Daniel Askren
- ☐ 911 Director, Dana Stonebraker
- ☒ WEGA, Kim Kalweit

Patty Smith – Clerk

Patty said the primary went off without a hitch. There were no major problems. She said there were 11,894 registered voters. On election day, there were 4,032 ballots, which is roughly 34%. Out of the 4,032, there were 767 early voters in person, 66 mail ballots and 7 travel. The highest precinct turnout was Jackson Township with 43.82% and the lowest was Davis Township at 24.39% turnout. The election costs were slightly over \$30,500.00. No official word on the recount for Senate District 23. She already has talked to the State police regarding the procedure. The Clerk’s office will be closed on May 22 as their holiday for election day. She is currently having all marriage books scanned and digitized, which is currently being done in the Community Room.

Wayne Laswell – Ambulance

Wayne said equipment should start coming in at the end of this month. Billing is fully outsourced now. Three of the iPads out of six are in service. Everything should be fully digital now. This week is EMS week. He said the department has been working through their loss. He stated when he was offered this job it was for a certain pay, but when it was accepted it was a lower pay. It has been a cut in pay. He had talked to Jeff Fishero, who said they would revisit the pay in April. Wayne was not sure he could take the cut in pay. Wayne is getting to the point where he is stretched thin personally, financially and personally. He would like to know if they are going to discuss or what he needs to do to receive the back pay. He is not sure what to put for next years director pay. He has got rid of overtime and this is the first full month of billing. He said this month will give a good idea of what the billing will look like. Kelly Carlson asked if he had done his budget. Wayne has started on it. Kelly said they will go over his budget during budget hearings. Kelly said they will have a discussion and get in touch with Wayne.

Daniel Askren- Prosecutor

Daniel had nothing new, but wanted to be available for any questions the Council or Commissioners may have.

Kim Kalweit – WEGA

Kim discussed grants for the Community. These will not open until February 2027.

Dana Stonebraker – 911

Dana discussed PSAPS being delivered soon. She will get with AT&T and get everything done quickly. They will take the old stuff. Stat Flight came in to discuss an app. This will make it quicker and easier to see updates.

Dana has a new phone system to take phone calls only in her office. There is no room for a third PSAP. The non-emergency number is working better.

Sheriff – Portable and Mobile Radios

- Motion by: Denise Crowder
- Second by: Jim McKee
- Vote: ☒ Passed 6-0 ☐ Failed _____

Health Department – Public Health Registered Nurse – Maysa Turner

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

Prosecutor Discussion – Deputy Prosecutor

- Motion by: Jeff Fishero
- Second by: Denise Crowder
- Vote: Passed 5-0 (Dudley Cruea refrained)

Transfers

911 – \$3,007.00

1000.10212.0000.0303 Floater to 1000.10211.0000.0303 Lead Operators

- Motion by: Jim McKee
- Second by: _____
- Vote: _____ Passed ☒ Failed

Salary Ordinance Change

Floater 911 - \$3,007.00
Lead Operators \$3,007.00

- Motion by: _____
- Second by: _____
- Vote: _____ Passed _____ Failed

5. Unfinished Business:

Next Day Access Greater Indianapolis – Lift (Take from Building Repairs)

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

- Motion by: Jeff Carver
- Second by: Denise Crowder
- Vote: Passed 6-0

Rave – Panic Buttons (\$2,000 from 1000-0361-33570 EMA)

- Motion by: KW Rice
 - Second by: Aaron Fruits
 - Vote: Passed 2-0
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- Motion by: Dudley Cruea
 - Second by: Jim McKee
 - Vote: Passed 6-0

6. New Business:

- **Website discussion**
Revize or Civic Plus
The County has been looking into a new website which will include an app.
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7. Correspondence & Announcements:

8. Council Member Comments:

9. Public Comment:

Sue Anderson – She would like to see the BZA and APC put their agenda and minutes on the website. She said the BZA meeting have not been put on the website.

10. Adjournment:

Commissioners

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

Council

- Motion by: Jeff Carver
 - Second by: Denise Crowder
 - Vote: Passed 6-0
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- Time adjourned: 6:50 PM

Kim Johnson
ATTEST

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