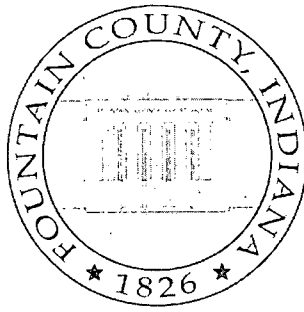




**FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Date: 09/08/26

Time: 9:00 AM

1. Call to Order:

Call to order the September 08th meeting of the Fountain County Commissioners.

Commissioners President: Aaron Fruits

Time: 09:00 AM

2. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance:

3. Roll Call:

Members Present:

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

Also, Present:

- ☐ Kim Johnson, County Auditor
- ☒ Lisa Spiering, Deputy Auditor
- ☒ Heather Brouse, Deputy Auditor
- ☐ Ethan Myers, County Attorney

4. Approval of Agenda: 09/08/2026

Action Requested: Approve agenda as presented/amended

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

5. Approval of Minutes:

Meeting Date: 08/03/26

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

6. 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
- ☐ 911 Director, Dana Stonebraker
- ☐ Sheriff, Terry Holt
- ☒ Wega, Kim Kalweit
- ☐ Prosecutor, Daniel Askren
- ☐ Veteran Services, James Wynne

Highway Department- Jason Lewis

Jason gave an update on bridge 103- the decking is down and ready to poor the floor this week. They started chip and seal today. They plan to be finished before harvest. BW plans to start groundbreaking later this month, so they are getting material moved for that. He will let the commissioners know when things are going on to see if they can be present.

7. Unfinished Business:

Claims (\$1,255,600.64)

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

Payroll (08/21/26 -\$350,046.84) and (09/04/26 -\$353,530.55)

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

Clerk’s Monthly Report for August 2026

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

Report of Collections – Recorder July 2026 & Clerk, Ambulance and Sheriff August 2026

- Motion by: KW Rice

- Second by: Aaron Fruits
- Vote: ☐ Passed 2 ☐ Failed 0

8. New Business:

CINTAS agreement

No vote for the CINTAS agreement. Tabled until further information is provided.

- Motion by: _____
- Second by: _____

[REDACTED] te: ☐ Passed _____ ☐ Failed _____

9. Correspondence & Announcements:

10. Council Member Comments:

11. Public Comment: Bill Brewer talked about the timeline for moratoriums after June 30, 2025. KW stated that was for after June 30, 2025 not before that date. Bill stated he has contacted the attorney general to get a clearer answer. He has not heard from them yet. He said the judgment has come down and the county lost regarding the solar company litigation. Aaron Fruits stated they have not lost, and the case is still open. Bill questioned how much money has been spent on this. He thinks the commissioners should be done with this and not using taxpayer’s money to keep fighting.

[REDACTED] mon from ENGIE North America stated there was a judgment on August 20th that reinstates permits, but said there are still issues. He was here to talk about Dolphin Solar’s impact on the community. He listed ways they have contributed around \$60,000 in funding support to organizations and causes in Fountain County. He said Dolphin Solar will continue to be a good neighbor and support for the County.

Aaron Fruits stated the joint meeting for September 21 at 6:00 p.m. will only be the commissioners. The council will not have enough members.

12. Adjournment:

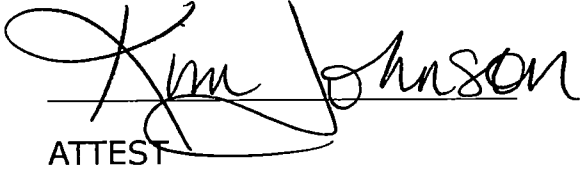
- Motion by: KW Rice
- Second by: Aaron Fruits
- Vote: Passed 2-0
- Time: 9:13 a.m.

[REDACTED]

- NEXT COMMISSIONER MEETING: Monday September 21, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
- NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Monday September 14, 2026 @ 9:00 AM

in the Commissioner's Meeting Room

SUBJECT TO CHANGE


ATTEST

