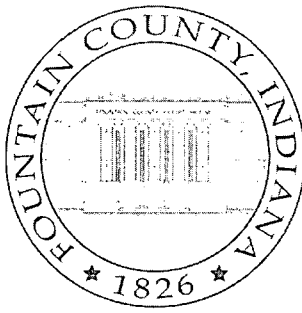




**FOUNTAIN COUNTY JOINT COMMISSIONERS AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Date: 08/17/2026 **Time:** 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order:

Call to order the August 17th meeting of the Fountain County Commissioners

Commissioner's President: Aaron Fruits

Call to order the August 17th meeting of the Fountain County Council.

Council President: Kelly Carlson

Time: 6:11 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
 - ☐ Lisa Spiering, Secretary, Auditor's Office
 - ☒ Ethan Myers, County Attorney
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3. Approval of Agenda: 08/17/2026

Action Requested: Approve agenda as presented/amended

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

 - Motion by: Jeff Fishero
 - Second by: Denise Crowder
 - Vote: ☒ Passed 7-0 ☐ Failed _____
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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
- ☐ Jail, Andrew Krout, Deputy Sheriff
- ☐ Sheriff, Terry Holt
- ☐ Prosecutor, Daniel Askren
- ☐ 911 Director, Dana Stonebraker
- ☐ WEGA, Kim Kalweit

Emergency Management – Tina Holmes

Tina stated that she had been contacted and informed that Hernandez is going to come in and finish the concrete the week of the 24th. She said they may be here on Thursday of this week, depending on the rain. They had blocked out 3 days to do the lifts, but it only takes about a day and a half. They never know if something will happen. This should be finished by the end of September.

5. Unfinished Business:

Report of Collections – Health Dept, July 2026

- Motion by: KW Rice

• Second by: Aaron Fruits

• Vote: ☒ Passed 2-0 ☐ Failed _____
- Motion by: Dudley Cruea

• Second by: Todd Hegg

• Vote: ☒ Passed 7-0 ☐ Failed _____

Food Ordinance

- Motion by: KW Rice

• Second by: Aaron Fruits

• Vote: ☒ Passed 2-0 ☐ Failed _____

Surtax/Wheel tax Rates – No Change

- Motion by: Denise Crowder

• Second by: Jeff Carver

• Vote: ☒ Passed 7-0 ☐ Failed _____

6. New Business:

Cameron Seymour – Project Scope & Fee Letter

Cameron stated that that there have been some storm disasters on June 6. There were 2 culverts/bridges washed out on 400 East. They would like to get those fixed. Cameron supplied a scope & fee. He has broken down the fees on the invoice. He is working with Tina on the FEMA disaster relief funds. He would like to go ahead and get this going. The fee would be \$130,724. He stated what all would be included, which is on the letter. This does not include any construction.

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

A motion to have Cameron Seymour move forward. An additional will be advertised as needed.

- Motion by: Tood Hegg
- Second by: Jeff Fishero
- Vote: ☒ Passed 7-0 ☐ Failed _____

KW stated the Highway department did a great job putting signs up, cleaning up and working all throughout the night. Kelly said she had thanked Jason and his crew during his budget hearing. She also appreciated Tina’s help.

7. Correspondence & Announcements:

8. Council Member Comments:

Kelly said she sent an email to Baker Tilly regarding the municipal unit strategic task force (MUST). The committee will be formed. Kelly is in charge of coordinating. She has contacted all units to set up a preliminary meeting. This will actually take effect in 2029. The meeting will be September 17, 2026 at 10:00 am.

9. Public Comment:

Angie Burke discussed the building she has available in Attica. She has talked to the city of Attica also. She wanted the council to consider putting something in the budget for next year. She would like 6 months of appropriated funds if the Boards approve this lease. Kelly explained that the planning stage of the budget is already done and has been advertised. Kelly said if the city decided to do that it is up to the city of Attica. Angie wanted to know how it would work if the city of Attica and the county did a joint venture. Kelly stated we would have to do an additional. This would start with the Commissioners approving the idea. Aaron Fruits stated the Commissioners are just waiting to see what Attica wants to do. KW Rice agreed. There will be a conversation after that. Aaron said he had zero intentions of pulling the ambulance out of Attica.

10. Adjournment:

Commissioners

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

Council - Recess

- Motion by: Denise Crowder
- Second by: Dudley Cruea
- Vote: Passed 7-0

Time adjourned: 6:32 PM

NEXT MEETING: Commissioner’s meeting on **Tuesday, September 8, 2026**, at 9:00 AM

Council’s meeting on **Monday, September 14, 2026**, at 9:00 AM

in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room.

SUBJECT TO CHANGE


ATTEST

