

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting –November 6, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED:

That the Fayette County Commissioners of Fayette County, State of Indiana, met in regular scheduled session on the above date at 2:00 P.M. with the following present: Commissioners Dale Strong, Dale Munson, and Tracie Bever, and Auditor Jane Downard and County Attorney Geoff Wesling of said County and State.

Commissioner Strong called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Munson moved to approve the minutes of October 15th regular meeting, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS:

Steve Bills presented a 144 to hire James Hostetler as a part-time facility officer to replace an officer who recently left. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the 144 as presented, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Wade Walling said he is initiating a grant for SHMP and that documentation should go to Dale Strong for signature. He said he would have the Incident Command Trailer out in the parking lot later today and invited everyone to come take a look at it.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Jay Halveland said they are about halfway done with the road widener and it is working well. 450 is done at Coletrane Hill and that took three days. They stockpiled some more gravel in today, and got some cans in, and got some salt in. Commissioner Bever asked how the sign inventory was coming, and Jay said he is still working on it.

IT:

Michael King presented an agreement for Metronet for the new jail annex and work release. He also presented a quote from Endeavor for a firewall installation. Commissioner Munson moved to approve both agreements, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

RECORDER:

Lisa Witt advised commissioners that CSI will have a user group meeting on November 20th and she would like to close her office for her members to attend that training. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the closing of the office as requested, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

As of today, they have scanned and indexed 1,279 military documents. They are still working on plats. They have to scan them, then index them, then append a document number.

They took their first credit card payment this morning from someone out of town.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:

Josh Jarboe requested permission from the commissioners to move forward with having ResolveTech replace the boilers in the courthouse and the jail. They had met with two vendors for quotes, and Josh's recommendation was to use ResolveTech, starting with the courthouse replacement. ResolveTech quoted \$64,265 for jail and \$79,250 for courthouse and quote is all inclusive. North Mechanical's quote for the courthouse was \$88,980 plus a water heater at a cost of \$31,550, \$32,625 for installation, and \$8,520 for a crane to lift the equipment into place and labor. Commissioner Strong said there was no comparison between the two quotes.

Commissioner Bever asked if he had gotten quotes about installing a water softener, and Josh said he just this morning received a quote from North Mechanical for a water softener that would be put in the basement and used for all courthouse water. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the

bids from ResolveTech for the replacement of a heating boiler at the jail at a cost of \$64,265 and at the courthouse at a cost of \$79,250, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0. Josh will notify ResolveTech. Josh said we need to look into duct cleaning at the jail. He also said some contracts would be coming up for general maintenance. Big B will be dropping their dumpster on December 9th. Josh said it is posted online that we are looking for a maintenance employee. We have two positions open, but he needs to get at least one person hired asap.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER:

Ron Stevens was able to work with a group of volunteers who are willing to arrange for ride shares for veterans. All Ron will need to do going forward is coordinate connecting veterans with those volunteers.

He also presented a copy of his proposed revised job description for commissioners to review.

ANIMAL SHELTER:

Dave Ryckman got a price quote of \$2,585 for a shot clinic that includes syringes, rabies shots, tags, etc. and would be paid for from the donation fund. Dr. Keaffaber will donate his time. He is hoping to schedule it in late December or early January. He will be requesting an additional \$5,000 from the donation fund for spaying and neutering as well. Dave said he will be moving his office equipment down to the new building, but said Michael King had recommended they leave a phone at the old location as well which would cost an additional \$16 per month approximately. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the additional appropriation requests in the total amount of \$7,585, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Geoff Wesling did not have anything for commissioners at this time.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

There were no Council members present.

MAIL:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Strong asked for an update on Bridge 75. Commissioner Munson said the foundation had been poured and they were putting the upright walls together now. Concrete will have to set for at least ten days after it is poured, so hopefully that bridge can be opened by the end of the month. When Bridge 75 failed inspection, the Surveyor wasn't able to find a contractor to do that job. Commissioner Munson has the equipment and experience to complete the work, so that is a conflict of interest and requires submission of a conflict of interest form. Commissioner Bever moved to approve acceptance of the conflict of interest form and for him to do the work on Bridge 75, Commissioner Strong seconded the motion, motion carried 2-0 (Commissioner Munson abstained from the vote).

Commissioner Strong shared a quote he had received from the jail annex and female work release. When they went to turn the water on, water erupted and they discovered there was about a five foot section of the six inch pipe missing. When they replaced that section and turned the water on again, another eruption happened. A plumbing company that has already done work over there gave a quote to replace the entire line at a cost of \$60,000. Connersville Utilities does not have any responsibility over this. Commissioners agreed we need to get another quote as soon as possible. Commissioner Munson said he would reach out to Eric Frank and to Powell's Plumbing to request quotes. Commissioner Munson moved to table the quote until we can try to get more quotes, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Stephania Hoffman was present on behalf of Drug Coalition. She shared with commissioners the grant awards they want to give, and requested permission for a release of funds. The awards would be as follows:

Prevention/Education:

Celebrate Recover 12 Step Ministry, Growing Branches for Christ \$3,178.80

2025 Red Ribbon Week Prevention Promotion, Fayette Co. School Corp \$2,814.95

S.A.F.E. Substance Awareness for Everyone, Connersville Middle School \$1,500

Treatment/Intervention:

Fatherhood 24/7 Dad AM Curriculum, Soldiers in the Army of the Lord/Freedom House \$1,028 Drug Screens, House of Ruth \$3,000
Commissioner Bever moved to release the funds as requested totaling \$11,521.75, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Mike Kleinpeter was present regarding Everton Water Corporation's OCRA Grant application. He requested commissioners approve a Resolution that authorizes him to submit the application on behalf of Fayette County Commissioners and authorizes the match of \$8,000 from Everton Water. Commissioner Munson moved to approve Resolution 24-R-5, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Butler Fairman forwarded us a copy of the change order for \$12,022.87 less than the original quote for this year's Community Crossings Grant for Everton Road and 450 West. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the Change Order and the Certificate of Substantial Completion as presented, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

The proposed meeting dates and holiday schedules for 2025 were presented for approval. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the meeting dates and holiday schedule as presented, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

PATRON CONCERNS:

James Ailes was present and requested permission to bow hunt on the county-owned property. Commissioner Strong explained that we have leased that property to Dane Savoy, and that any request would need to be approved by him. Commissioner Strong will get Mr. Savoy's number to Mr. Ailes after the meeting.

PAYROLL AND CLAIMS:

Commissioner Munson moved to approve claims and payroll as presented, seconded by Commissioner Bever, motion carried 3-0. Commissioners then signed all paperwork on camera.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Munson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bever, motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Dale L. Strong

Dale Strong, President

Tracie Bever

Tracie Bever

Dale Munson

Dale Munson, Vice-President

Jane E. Downard

Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor