

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – December 17, 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 December 3rd regular meeting, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS:

Alana Friend presented a 144 to hire Joel Connaway as a new part-time facility officer and to increase the base pay for Jacob Hostetler. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the 144 as presented, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Jay Halveland said they put a can in on Bentley Road. He said the north side of Everton Road going east down to Bentley is falling apart. Commissioner Strong said that road has been under a lot of stress because of the closures of State Road 1. Jay said trucks are up and ready for any kind of weather. They've been putting gravel down on some of the gravel roads. The brush cutter should be back online this weekend. He said they put a whole new boom on it, and that they had found out that an incorrect pin size had weakened it so it should be fixed now. Jay reminded commissioners this would be his last meeting as the director of the highway department. Commissioner Strong expressed his appreciation for Jay's service to the county.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Wade Walling shared that he had sent an email to all department heads regarding a Continuity of Operations plan he is working on. He requested commissioners follow up with department heads regarding that information and encourage them to cooperate.

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:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Ordinance 2024-17 Off-Street Parking and Loading was presented for discussion and approval. Bill MacDaniel shared that Connorsville's City Council approved and adopted the ordinance at their meeting last night. The proposed changes liberalize parking vehicles on your personal property and also makes changes related to concerns about semi-trucks and business vehicles. He said the changes make the policies more liberalized than previous policies. He said there are changes to space requirements and hopefully will help avoid another mess like McDonald's on 30th Street. He said if it proves that some of the things aren't working, it'll be easy to change pieces of the policy without having to go through the whole exercise of replacing the whole ordinance. Commissioner Strong said he'd reviewed the early draft and offered suggestions but he has not had time to read the whole current revised version. Commissioner

Strong said there are some considerations that would apply in the city but shouldn't apply on county roads. Commissioner Munson questioned page 3 that regarding semi-trailers and says they must be stored on a paved driveway. Bill said the idea was to keep from causing damage to the property, to address erosion concerns, and to keep from turning an area where there is turf into a compacted mud pit. Commissioners agreed the language regarding a paved driveway would be a problem particularly for farmers or semi-truck drivers. Bill said the language could be tackled at another point in time. Bill said he still needs to put in an ad for a building inspector. County Attorney Geoff Wesling gave guidance for commissioners to approve the ordinance with a change to say a paved or graveled driveway or lot then send that back to APC. Geoff said another option is to wait until another meeting to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Bever moved to table the discussion on the proposed ordinance, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners did the interviewing for a highway department supervisor last Friday. Commissioner Bever moved to appoint Chris Gettinger as the Highway Department Supervisor effective December 23rd, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners gave a reminder that the courthouse will be closed from noon to 2 p.m. for the annual Christmas dinner for courthouse employees.

PATRON CONCERNS:

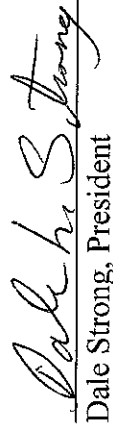
EDG Director Dan Parker thanked commissioners for their consideration to Economic Development.

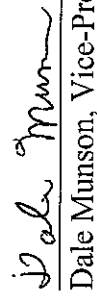
PAYROLL AND CLAIMS:

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.

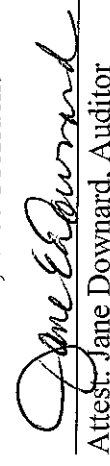
ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Munson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bever, motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.


Dale Strong, President


Dale Munson, Vice-President


Tracie Bever


Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor