

**FAYETTE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**December 3, 2024**

**BE IT REMEMBERED:**

That the Fayette County Council of Fayette County, State of Indiana, met in regular session on the above date at 6:00 p.m. with the following present: Council members Sharon Cranfill, Bob Stewart, Scott Bevington, Jim Wulff, Tim Patterson, Kay Riker-Peyton, and Mike Wenta along with Auditor Jane Downard and County Attorney Geoff Wesling of said County and State.

President Cranfill called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

**MINUTES:**

Councilman Wenta moved to approve the minutes from the November 6<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, Councilwoman Riker-Peyton seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

**MAIL/EMAIL:**

None

**COUNTY ATTORNEY:**

County Attorney Geoff Wesling did not have anything for the board at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

None

**COMMISSIONER REPRESENTATIVE:**

Commissioner Dale Strong was present. Commissioner Strong gave a brief update on today's commissioner meeting. APC Director Bill MacDaniel announced his retirement effective December 31, 2026 and possibly earlier if everything works out right. On the advice of Wade Walling, Commissioners voted to withdraw their application for a BRIC Grant for the proposed weather station. They approved a couple of 144s for full-time maintenance employees. Dale shared the news that Stephanie Glover has given her notice to leave her part-time custodial position so they will be looking for a replacement for her. They gave the Sheriff's department permission to apply for a JAG Grant. Surveyor Bill Macke shared that INDOT has moved the Bridge 32 project to 2027 instead of 2026. Bridge 75 will re-open to traffic tomorrow morning. We have been awarded \$114,660 from the Indiana Department of Transportation for the replacement and upgrade of our traffic signs on county roads. The initial grant will be used for inventory and evaluation of current signage and to determine what the needs are for upgrades. [VFD grant] Maintenance Supervisor Josh Jarboe said the two boilers that have been ordered will be delivered either Friday this week or Monday next week with installation to begin immediately. He said it would probably take a couple of weeks to get them both in place.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS:**

Bill Macke presented an Additional Appropriation to Cumulative Bridge Fund 1135 to Account 60102 Bridge #75 in the amount of \$60,000 to cover labor and material for the necessary repairs. Councilman Wenta moved to approve the additional as requested, Councilman Patterson seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Kelly VanMeter presented Transfer Requests from Statewide 911 City Share Fund 4912 From Account 30831 Radio Maintenance to Account 10190 Part Time in the amount of \$1,900, From Account 30311 Liability Insurance to Account 10190 Part Time in the amount of \$4,500, and From Account 30522 Spillman Maintenance to Account 10190 Part Time in the amount of \$5,000. Councilman Wenta moved to approve the transfers as requested, Councilman Patterson seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

A Transfer Request in Courthouse Operating Fund 4903 From Account 40651 Property Purchase Land to Account 30403 Jail Utilities in the amount of \$10,000 was presented. Councilman Patterson moved to approve the transfer as requested, Councilwoman Riker-Peyton seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

A Transfer Request in Highway Local Road and Streets Fund 1169 From Account 40400 Equipment to Account 30860 Grant Match in the amount of \$50,000 was presented. Councilman

Wenta moved to approve the transfer as requested, Councilwoman Riker-Peyton seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

A Transfer Request in Highway Local Road and Streets Fund 1169 From Account 20330 Bituminous to Account 30860 Grant Match in the amount of \$35,275 was presented. Councilman Wenta moved to approve the transfer as requested, Councilman Patterson seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

A Transfer Request in Local Emergency Planning Committee Fund 1152 From Account 30510 Console and Radio to Account 40403 Field Equipment in the amount of \$2,800 was presented. Councilman Wenta moved to approve the request as presented, Councilwoman Riker-Peyton seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

A Transfer Request in Jail LIT Fund 1233 From Account 10132 Jail Officers to Account 30071 Medical Services in the amount of \$65,000 was presented. Councilwoman Riker-Peyton moved to approve the transfer as requested, Councilman Patterson seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

A Transfer Request in County General Fund 1000 Soil and Water From Account 30303 Other Services to 20290 Other Supplies in the amount of \$50 was presented. Councilman Wenta moved to approve the transfer as requested, Councilman Bevington seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

A Transfer Request in County General Fund 1000 Veterans Service Officer From Account 30110 Postage \$75, From Account 30120 Travel and Training \$125, and From Account 30211 Printing \$44 to Account 10106 Veteran's Service Officer in the total amount of \$244 was presented, Councilman Wenta moved to approve the transfers as requested, Councilwoman Riker-Peyton seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

**144s:**

Drug Court Coordinator Brandon Burgess presented a 144 requesting an annual salary increase to \$50,000. Councilman Wenta moved to allow a \$3,500 increase, Councilman Stewart seconded the motion, a roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Wenta Yes  
Riker Peyton No  
Patterson No  
Wulff No  
Bevington No  
Stewart Yes  
Cranfill Yes  
Motion failed 3-4.

Councilman Wenta moved to approve a \$3,000 increase, Councilman Bevington seconded the motion, a roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Wenta Yes  
Riker No  
Patterson Yes  
Wulff Yes  
Bevington Yes  
Stewart Yes  
Cranfill Yes  
Motion carried 6-1.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

APC Appointment - Gary Naylor has expressed his desire to be reappointed. After some discussion, Councilman Wenta moved to approve the appointment, Councilwoman Riker-Peyton seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Wenta Yes  
Riker Peyton Yes  
Patterson Yes  
Wulff No

Bevington abstain  
Stewart No  
Cranfill Yes  
Motion carried 4-2-1.

Proposed Ordinance 2024-10 was presented. Councilman Wentta moved to approve the suggested sworn statement and not the one submitted by the Recorder. Discussion was held. Councilman Wentta withdrew his original motion. Councilman Wentta then moved to accept the sworn statement as amended and approve Ordinance 2024-10, Councilman Stewart seconded the motion, roll call vote was taken.

Wenta Yes  
Riker-Peyton Yes  
Patterson Yes  
Wulff Yes  
Bevington Yes  
Stewart Yes  
Cranfill Yes  
Motion carried 7-0.

Proposed Ordinance 2024-13 Starting Part-time Wage was presented. Councilman Wentta moved to approve, Councilman Patterson seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Proposed Ordinance 2024-14 Starting Salary Ordinance was presented. Councilman Wentta moved to approve, Councilwoman Riker-Peyton seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Proposed Ordinance 2024-15 2025 Salary Ordinance was presented. Councilwoman Riker-Peyton moved to approve, Councilman Stewart seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

HONORING JIM WULFF – A certificate was presented to Jim Wulff in appreciation of his years of dedication and service to the Fayette County Council.

**PATRON CONCERNS:**

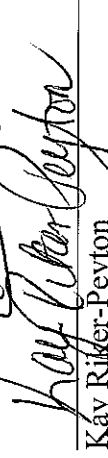
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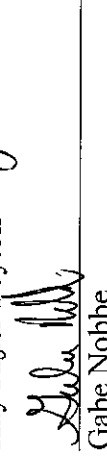
**ADJOURNMENT:**


Councilman Bevington moved to adjourn, Councilman Stewart seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.


  
Sharon Cranfill

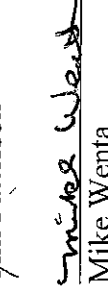
  
Scott Bevington


  
Kay Riker-Peyton

  
Gabe Nobbe

  
Bob Stewart

  
Tyan Patterson

  
Mike Wentta

  
Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor