

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting –April 15, 2025

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 April 1st regular meeting, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC TRANSIT:

Trisha Dearth-Adkins presented a quarterly report for the Whitewater Valley Regional Transit. The first quarter ridership was 4,326 trips, broken down 1,454 for Union County, 1,678 for Wayne County, and 1,194 for Fayette County. Total mileage for the quarter was 13,494. They have expanded their hours to be 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. They estimate the total economic contribution of the service was \$84,396.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

HIGHWAY:

Chris Gettinger said it had been a rough couple of weeks with all the rain. They had some roads that were so bad they put snow plows back on some trucks to scoop the debris. They went down after the first rain and cleaned out some cans. They have a lot of work to do, but he said they are getting there with getting stuff done. Commissioner Strong said he got a call yesterday from the gentleman who rents the county's farm ground and he asked if the county could go up there and smooth that out in some areas so they can get their farm equipment in there. Chris said he'd call the gentleman and go take a look at it. Chris said they had done some work on 440 and put some riprap down.

IT:

Michael King spoke regarding the web page update and hosting proposal from Signature Web Creations. The cost will be \$8,750 for the county's half; the city has already agreed and is proceeding with this company. Commissioner Bever moved to accept the proposal from Signature Web Creations, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

SHERIFF:

Chief Deputy Dan Becker came representing Sheriff Zac Jones. He said that they are still waiting on the gate to be completed for the Women's Work Release Center. The jail is down to 93 total inmates today, and he said that is the lowest number of inmates they have had since he has been employed by the County. Of the 93, there are currently 15 females. One of the females has been sentenced to work release, so as soon as it is available we will have participants ready to utilize the new facility. He said Patrick Malloun is currently doing some required training for the National Guard, and Trevor Young started yesterday. He said he thinks they will be able to use 2 female officers in the new building.

MAIL:

None

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

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

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

There was no council member present.

OLD BUSINESS:

We received four bids for the 2025 CCMG Project, with Dave O'Mara Contractors Inc. of North Vernon, Indiana being the lowest bidder at a total cost of \$1,559,845.78. Butler Fairman & Seufert reviewed the bids and said that this bid was an acceptable bid and they recommended we accept it. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the bid and award the project to Dave O'Mara Contractors Inc., Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bever moved to table consideration of signing a supply contract with Cintas, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Eric Hopkins on behalf of the Fayette County Ministerial Association requested the use of the courthouse lawn for the National Day of Prayer on May 1st from Noon to 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the request, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Strong recognized Bob Hansen of the News-Examiner and welcomed him back to covering county government proceedings.

PATRON CONCERNS:

None

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 2:41 p.m.



Dale Strong, President



Dale Munson, Vice-President



Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor

Tracie Bever