

FAYETTE COUNTY COUNCIL
April 1, 2025

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, Scott Bevington, Bob Stewart, Gabe Nobbe, Kay Riker-Peyton and Mike Wenta (via Zoom) along with Auditor Jane Downard and County Attorney Geoff Wesling of said County and State. Tim Patterson was absent.

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

MINUTES:

Councilman Nobbe moved to approve the minutes from the March 4th regular meeting, Councilman Stewart seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

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 gave an update on today's commissioner meeting. They opened bids for the 2025 Community Crossings Paving Project. They received four bids, and the lowest bid was just a little bit higher than the amount we were awarded. Butler Fairman & Seufert took the bids for review and then will make a recommendation, probably at our next meeting. Kelly VanMeter shared that we had received the SEED Grant that we had applied for and will receive \$29,650 for GIS Mapping. It is a reimbursable grant so we will spend the money up front then be reimbursed. They approved a 144 for Ashley Wicker to become a part-time employee in the Assessor's office, and a 144 for Cassie Bright to become a part-time employee in the Clerk's office. They heard 2024 reports from Probation and Sheriff Departments. They expect the women's facility to be done this month. Highway Director Chris Gettinger looked at the parking area today and will try to determine if they can repave that lot or whether we will have to have an outside contractor that specializes in smaller jobs come and do it.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS:

None

144s:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Sheriff Zac Jones gave the 2024 Jail Report. The average daily population was down to 116 in 2024. Our fees received from Department of Corrections was similar to prior years. Zac shared that he has officially hired Patrick Malloun as a road deputy. Zac announced that Joey Laughlin has officially given his notice and will be retiring April 11th to take a position with the Indiana Gaming Commission. Zac will have a Merit Board meeting and hopes to hire Trevor Young, who is currently an officer in Union County, to replace Joey. The jail inspector always says we are short of jailers, and has recommended we hire six additional jailers. They drove about 70,000 miles in transports in 2024. The price per meals from TIGG's Food Services was \$2.12 per meal. Medical expenses were \$302,095, a considerable increase from the prior year due to some 2023 expenses not being paid until 2024. Quality Correctional Care scrubs medical bills and negotiates with providers and that saved the county over \$337,000. The jail provides various services including a G.E.D. Program, Church Services, Counseling, Therapeutic Community, and

I.R.A.C.S. Several maintenance projects were completed, but there are still several unfunded maintenance projects needing done. Zac mentioned he had met with a gentleman from Cintas, who won the bid through the State of Indiana for quantity purchase agreements. Cintas has done a review of our current spending and believe they can save us money on supplies.

Chief Probation Officer Ryan Siggers gave the 2024 Probation Report. They supervised 1,263 individuals last year. Their average case load size is 113 and the recommended is 40 to 60 depending on risk level and things like that. They conducted 5,265 appointments. Probation costs \$4.96 a day versus \$37 a day to have them in jail. He said the county provides about 55% of their funding and the other 45% comes through user fees and grants. Probation also collected \$43,628.64 in restitution for victims. Ryan said they received approval from commissioners today to apply for DOC Grants for 2026.

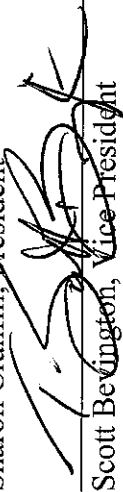
PATRON CONCERNS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

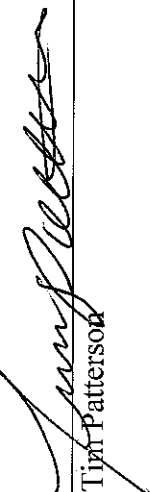
Councilman Stewart moved to adjourn, Councilman Bevington seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Sharon Cranfill, President



Scott Bevington, Vice President

Gabe Nobbe



Tim Patterson

Kay Riker-Paxton



Bob Stewart

Mike Wentz



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Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor



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