

## **FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **Regular Meeting –June 3, 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, along with 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 May 20<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

##### **911:**

Kelly VanMeter presented a 144 to hire part-time dispatchers. She would like to hire Cynthia Hunter and Kailey Burnette now, and have provisional permission to hire Justice Brown and Latham Goble if their interviews go favorably. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the 144 as presented for Cynthia and Kailey, and the preliminary approval for Justice and Latham, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Kelly gave commissioners an overview of what her budget requests will be for 2026, and said she is going to ask for a sixth dispatcher. She explained the difficulty in training and keeping part-time employees.

#### **PROBATION:**

Ryan Siggers requested permission to apply for a \$7,500 grant from the Fayette Community Foundation to purchase four new radios with shoulder mics for their department. There is a required grant match, and he could pay for that from user fees. He has already presented a letter of intent, but has not heard back from that yet. The total cost would be \$10,188.16, and the Foundation if awarded would give \$7,500 of that. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the grant application, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

#### **MAIL:**

None

#### **COUNTY ATTORNEY:**

Geoff Wesling had presented the Quit Claim Deeds for several cemeteries in the county to the commissioners. Parts of Columbia, Springersville, Orange North and Everton Cemeteries had been deeded to the commissioners in 2001. These deeds give those cemeteries back to the respective cemetery associations. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the Quit Claim Deeds, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

#### **COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:**

There was no council member present.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Strong shared that he had accompanied County Coroner Eddie Richardson to the former Fayette Memorial Hospital and the equipment they have in their morgue would be sufficient for the county's needs. They also went to the EMS building and the director said there would be enough space at their location to set up a morgue area. The Coroner would like the area to be a secure area, and Commissioner Strong asked the other two commissioners to think about the need and a possible resolution to the problem.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Bever moved to accept the recommendation of Mike Bottomley to serve on the Public Defender Board, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

**PATRON CONCERNS:**

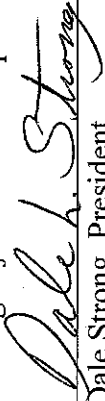
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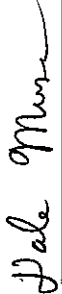
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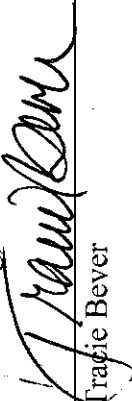
Commissioner Munson moved to approve claims and payroll as presented, seconded by Commissioner Bever, motion carried 3-0. Commissioners then signed all paperwork on camera.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Munson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bever, motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

  
Dale Strong, President

  
Dale Munson, Vice-President

  
Tracie Bever

  
Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor