

FAYETTE COUNTY COUNCIL

May 6, 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 Scott Bevington, Bob Stewart, Gabe Nobbe, Tim Patterson, and Kay Riker-Peyton (via Zoom) along with Auditor Jane Downard and County Attorney Geoff Wesling of said County and State. Sharon Cranfill and Mike Wenta were absent.

Vice President Bevington called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

MINUTES:

Councilman Stewart moved to approve the minutes from the April 1st regular meeting. Councilman Patterson seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0 (Councilman Nobbe was not present for this vote).

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 meeting. They gave the final go ahead for the Recorder to enter into a contract with US Imaging for the first step of digitizing records in that office. They approved the Cemetery Board to submit a grant to pay for signs in nine of the pioneer cemeteries. On May 14th, they will be having the pre-construction meeting for this year's Community Crossings Grant project. Mike Kleinpeter Consulting was present to discuss the county applying for an Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Grant through OCRA. They have had the punch list meeting for the Women's Work Release, and a few things still need to be done. It is expected the work will be completely done by the end of this month.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS:

Bill Macke submitted an additional appropriation request to Cumulative Bridge Fund 1135 Account 60621 Jennings Twp Structure #21 in the amount of \$100,000. There are four 6 foot cans that are 50 feet long that will need to be replaced. Councilman Nobbe moved to approve the request as presented, Councilman Stewart seconded, motion carried 5-0.

Wade Walling submitted a transfer request in County General Fund 1000 Emergency Management from Account 30122 Training to Account 20220 Tires in the amount of \$450. Councilman Stewart moved to approve the request as presented, Councilman Nobbe seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

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None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Greg Beumer from Kleinpeter Consulting was present to discuss the Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Grant available through OCRA. The maximum grant amount is up to \$500,000, and there would be a maximum local match requirement of \$57,000. The grant provides assistance to homeowners who qualify by income, and the most the grant can contribute per home is \$25,000. The program covers rehabilitation activities of privately owned residences and includes roof repair or replacement, ADA accessibility up to the threshold of the home, heating and cooling replacement, select lighting and electrical upgrades, and water heater replacement.

There will be a public hearing on Friday, May 9th at 1 p.m. Councilman Stewart moved to approve the grant application and commit to the up to \$57,000 match, Councilman Nobbe seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0. If we were awarded the grant, the county could create their own criteria for application priorities.

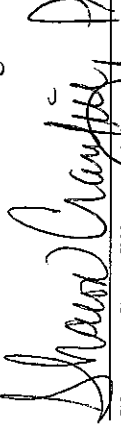
Judge Paul Freed was present to discuss 2026 Indiana Office of Court Services Problem Solving Court Grant solicitation, purchasing a county vehicle for Drug Court to conduct necessary program functions, and payout compensatory time bank of Drug Court Coordinator from 2025 IDOC Justice Reinvestment Grant/Indiana Office of Court Services Problem Solving Court Grant Funds. They have already applied for the 2026 Indiana Office of Court Services Problem Solving Court Grant, and it has been awarded, but through miscommunication they failed to get permission prior to applying. Councilwoman Riker-Peyton moved to approve the grant application contingent on commissioner approval, Councilman Nobbe seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0. Judge Freed explained the need for Drug Court to have a county vehicle. He said Brandon would like the Ford Explorer discussed previously be assigned to Drug Court and allow them to fix up the vehicle and begin using it. Councilman Stewart moved to assign the Ford Explorer to Drug Court pending commissioner approval, Councilman Nobbe seconded, motion carried 5-0. Judge Freed's last item was requesting council approval of paying out the compensatory time balance. Councilman Nobbe moved to approve the payout pending commissioner approval, Councilman Patterson seconded the motion, motion carried 4-1 with Councilman Bevington voting against.

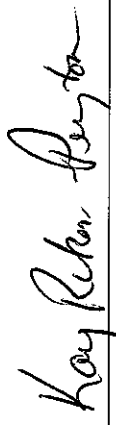
PATRON CONCERNS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

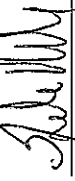
Councilman Stewart moved to adjourn, Councilwoman Riker-Peyton seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.


Sharon Cranfill, President

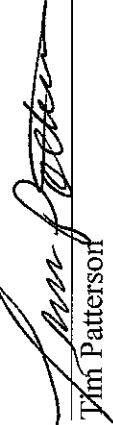

Kay Riker-Peyton

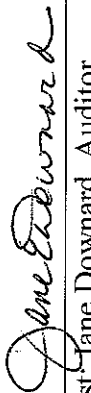

Scott Bevington, Vice President

Bob Stewart


Gabe Nobbe


Mike Wentz


Tim Patterson


Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor