

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – August 19, 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 and Tracie Bever, along with Auditor Jane Downard and County Attorney Geoff Wesling of said County and State. Commissioner Dale Munson was absent.

Commissioner Strong called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Bever moved to approve the minutes of August 5th regular meeting, Commissioner Strong seconded the motion, motion carried 2-0.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

ANIMAL SHELTER:

Dave Ryckman is going to be requesting two additional appropriations from the donations fund. One is for \$2,956 for vaccines and the other is for \$15,000 for spaying and neutering. He said they have done over 300 animals so far this year. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the additional appropriation requests to council, Commissioner Strong seconded the motion, motion carried 2-0.

911:

Jeff Griffin presented a 144 for Kyle McCoy to be rehired as a part-time dispatcher. Kyle currently works at Wayne County full time, he is fully trained and IDACS certified. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the 144 as presented, Commissioner Strong seconded the motion, motion carried 2-0.

Jeff presented key fobs to the commissioners for the 911 entry door and invited them to stop in anytime. He said the air conditioning is currently out but hopefully will be fixed soon.

Jeff shared that a current problem at 911 is IDACS certifications, and said he is working on getting all employees certified. They will be using Rush County as needed for any IDACS information until all are certified. He is working on the operator pool and having enough part-time employees to cover open shifts. He said he had a team meeting that went very well and he got a lot of good feedback. They've gone over SOP's, have discussed training, etc. and are scheduling trainings that needed done. They have partially revised the employee sign in process, and starting September 1st will implement a new login procedure for greater efficiency. They are going to start getting supplies from the Maintenance Department rather than going to Wal-Mart for those. He said that 911 has been asked for EMA teams two or three times and he wondered what the status is regarding those volunteers. Commissioner Strong said we are waiting on some paperwork from Wade.

EMA:

Wade Walling was not present but had emailed and requested permission from commissioners to apply for the Federal Fiscal Year 2025 State Homeland Security Grant Program. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the grant application, Commissioner Strong seconded, motion carried 2-0.

MAINTENANCE:

Josh Jarboe presented two quotes for roof repairs. Both come with warranties. The quote from Chomel is only for the annex roof and is \$64,650; the quote from Five Star is for both the annex roof and for ½ of the porch side of the jail building and totals \$56,750. He had asked a third company for a bid but did not get a response in time. Josh would like to see the part of the jail done as well as the annex. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the quote from Five Star Commercial Roofing, Inc. for 20 year roofs for both annex and jail for \$102,700 contingent on our ability to fund it, Commissioner Strong seconded the motion, motion carried 2-0.

SHERIFF:

Zac Jones asked commissioners about the gate to connect the old jail with the new jail annex. He said he gave the quotes to commissioners and wanted to know if they had made a decision yet and they said they had not. Commissioner Strong said they had approved quotes for the parking area and they would not be able to get a gate in before that work was done. He said it would require two gates, one electronically controlled and one a swinging gate with a lock on it. He confirmed that the existing fence was sufficient, and that the quotes including the same type of fence. Sheriff Jones was hoping the gate quotes could be approved so a plan could be in place that as soon as the parking lot was done the gates could be done.

SURVEYOR:

Bill Macke presented a contract for Butler Fairman & Seufert for the PASER project. Commissioners discussed the conversation they had with Derrick Towle of USI about using a different company going forward. Commissioners agreed to hold off on signing a contract with Butler Fairman for now.

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Geoff Wesling did not have anything for commissioners today.

MAIL:

Commissioners have received notice that the Community Crossings Matching Grant will be going back to a \$1,000,000 maximum. The deadline for 2026 projects will be in October of this year, and they will only be doing one call for projects in 2026.

Commissioner Strong said we received two notifications from INDOT today. They are going to further restrict parking on the west side of Central Avenue just north of 11th Street, and on Park Road, they will be installing a traffic signal at the new Reid Health entrance.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

There was no council member present.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Donna Schroeder was present on behalf of the Tourism Bureau and requested commissioners waive the \$50 fee for a sign at the museum. Commissioner Bever moved to waive the fee, Commissioner Strong seconded, motion carried 2-0. Donna shared they are getting ready to order the signs for the cemeteries, and asked if she needing to ask for waivers for those signs. Commissioner Strong said he didn't think there was any fee for those signs because they are under the size that requires a sign.

Trisha Dearth-Adkins was present on behalf of the Whitewater Valley Public Transit and shared some information. She said that three of their newer vans have been put on a safety recall and are currently out of service until they can be repaired. They have had a turnover in the dispatch area. They have hired two more drivers and are looking at extending route hours. She has a 2015 vehicle she is requesting to send to auction.

Eric Hopkins on behalf of the Fayette County Ministerial Association requested permission to use the courthouse lawn for a 911 Memorial Service on Thursday, September 11th at 12 noon. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the request, Commissioner Strong seconded the motion, motion carried 2-0.

PATRON CONCERNS:

Scott Osborn had to leave the meeting but Zac Jones shared Mr. Osborn's concern. He had recently witnessed a fatal accident, and has requested that commissioners consider changing the existing 2-way stop sign to a 4-way stop sign.

The owner of the first house south of Harrisburg School has requested commissioners put a no parking or standing zone in front of his property. He said on school days adults dropping off children will block his driveway for sometimes over an hour at a time. Sheriff Jones said Deputy Danny Hale is out there every day and has talked to violators. Sheriff Jones also said the principal

was going to be sending out a letter. Commissioner Strong asked County Attorney to look into an ordinance establishing a no parking or standing zone. Commissioner Bever suggested maybe we put up a Do Not Block Driveway sign. Discussion was held. County Attorney Wesling said it is a violation per IC 9-21-16-5 to block a driveway.

PAYROLL AND CLAIMS:

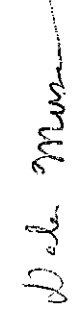
Commissioner Bever moved to approve claims and payroll as presented, seconded by Commissioner Strong, motion carried 2-0. Commissioners then signed all paperwork on camera.

ADJOURNMENT:

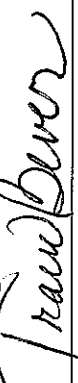
Commissioner Bever moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Strong, motion carried 2-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.



Dale Strong, President



Dale Munson, Vice-President



Tracie Bever



Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor