

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting – January 16, 2024

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 First Deputy Auditor Haylee Weston and County Attorney Geoff Wesling of said County and State.

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Tracie Bever moved to approve the minutes of January 2nd regular meeting, Commissioner Dale Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

JOLISSA BATES:
LARE Grant Submission Approval

Jolissa Bates has submitted cost estimates from Mr. Johnson where higher than they were expecting it to be. They allowed for the lake to be split into 5 different segments. Jolissa applied for segment number 4, Jolissa applied for the amount of \$171,185 which was based on cost estimates from Mr. Johnson. As long as the county will do the 25% match. The hope is to have conversations and negotiations to get the cost back down to 125000.

Jolissa is requesting to appoint Dale Strong as a representative to sit in on meeting with the DNR and Mr. Johnson and report back to the other commissioners.

Commissioner Dale Munson moved to approve the LARE grant application and to appoint Dale Strong as representative, Tracie Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Jolissa Bates is presenting for the community crossings grant. This year the amount that the county is allowed to apply for has increased to \$1.5 million. INDOT portion would be \$1,424,662.50 (75%) and the county portion would be \$474,887.50 (\$25%). Jolissa has requested to be informed of the decision of the commissioners by Friday so that she knows what to apply for.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Wade Walling shared that he is still waiting on siren installation due to the weather not cooperating with the crane. He will let commissioners know when it is installed.

HIGHWAY

Jay Halveland shared that a solution is needed for the dump truck decision that was made at the previous meeting. He shared that cats are getting into the trash, and it is turning into a major issue. Jay also shared that through the weather in recent weeks there has been some damage to the building that will need repaired. Jay is going to reach out to the insurance company about getting that fixed.

SHERIFF:

The county has been sued for \$500 on NCS File No. 238314.

Commissioner Tracie Bever made a motion to pay the insurance claim of \$500, Commissioner Dale Munson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Zac Jones shared that there are 4 or 5 vehicles that need to be auctioned off. Commissioner Dale Strong requested an inventory list of what needs to be disposed.

Commissioner Dale Munson made a motion to notify all department heads requesting a list of surplus property in preparation of a possible auction sale, seconded by Tracie Bever, motioned carried 3-0.

SURVEYOR:

Bill Macke has presented a 4 year contract for the county wide bridge inspection and requested that the commissioners as well as Auditor Jane Downard sign.

Commissioner Dale Munson moved to accept the county wide bridge inspections contract in the amount of \$231,890.15, seconded by Commissioner Tracie Bever, motioned carried 3-0.

Bill Macke presented an agreement from Thor Construction that was discussed in a previous meeting. When this agreement was originally presented and approved, collecting signatures was missed. Bill Macke requested that the commissioners sign as well as Auditor Jane Downard.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER:

Ron Stevens has requested that if there is vehicle that becomes available through the inventory auction he would like to be on the list of possible vehicle recipients.

MAIL:

None

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Geoff Wesling did not have anything at this time.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

No council member was present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Tracie Bever shared that a potential completion date for the Woman's Correction Facility is set as March 26, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Tracie Bever made a motion to approve the 2024 Mutual Aid Contracts with Everton, Glenwood, and Bentonville Volunteer Fire Departments in the amount of \$5,000 a piece, seconded by Dale Strong, motioned carried 2-0, commissioner Dale Munson abstained.

A representative from PHI presented a membership opportunity with Ariel ambulance flights. The commissioners requested more information.

PATRON CONCERNS:

None

PAYROLL AND CLAIMS:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Dale Munson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Tracie Bever, motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Dale H. Strong
Dale Strong, President

Tracie Bever
Tracie Bever

Jane Downard
Dale Munson, Vice-President

Jane Downard
Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor