

**FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting – February 6, 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 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 January 16<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

**BID OPENING:**

Bids were opened for the Community Crossings 2023-2 Paving Project. Bids were as follows:

All Star Paving \$1,026,955  
Dave O'Mara Contractors, Inc. \$948,250  
Milestone Contractors \$900,850  
Paul H. Rohe Co., Inc, \$924,620  
Globe Asphalt Paving Co., Inc. \$1,124,640

Commissioner Munson moved to take the bids under advisement and present them to Butler Fairman & Seufert for review and recommendation, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**AREA PLAN COMMISSION:**

Bill MacDaniel presented a proposed amendment to the current Parking Ordinance. After some discussion, Commissioner Bever moved to table consideration of the proposed Ordinance pending further investigation, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0. Bill asked if commissioners had given any more thought to the fee schedule. He explained that we would have another major project coming up and is suggesting a cap on fees. Discussion was held, and commissioners requested that something be presented in writing for their consideration.

**ASSESSOR:**

Jeff Coleman requested permission to purchase envelopes in bulk to cover two years of statutory mailings. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the purchase, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

**HEALTH:**

Matt Sherck presented a letter of intent that he would like commissioners to approve to renew the Public Health Preparedness letter of intent. Commissioner Munson moved to approve, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0. He said all is going well in the Health Department.

**911:**

Kelly VanMeter presented 144s to hire Ezekiel Marshall and Savanna Pollitt as part-time dispatchers. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the 144s as presented, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

**FAYETTE COUNTY TRANSIT:**

The Fayette County Transit Director presented the quarterly claim in the amount of \$89,196 for approval. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the claim, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

**EXTENSION OFFICE:**

Heather Caldwell gave an update on this year's 4-H enrollment numbers and said they are similar to last year's. They have a new member orientation scheduled for February 13<sup>th</sup>. Their annual 4-H

open house will be March 9<sup>th</sup>. 4-H Camp is coming up this summer, and they have three members signed up to be camp counselors. They also have a lawn care series planned soon. Matter of Balance programs for Seniors to provide safety tips for them to stay in their homes will be held. Serve Safe classes will be offered.

**ANIMAL SHELTER:**

Dave Ryckman said the building project is coming along well. He presented two quotes to replace the furnace and said he will get a third quote as soon as possible.

**HIGHWAY**

Jay Halveland said there are a lot of lines being put in along the side of the roads. Jay said he had been approached by one company that asked what to do if they tear up a road. Jay said there are a lot of areas that will need repairs once the weather warms up. They've been putting gravel down as they can. He hasn't had anyone come look at the damaged siding yet but agreed he would contact insurance. He said the 2001 Dodge one-ton truck is beyond repair. He also said the ¾-ton black truck he used to drive will need to be disposed. Commissioner Strong said the Sheriff's department was getting ready to dispose of some vehicles and that maybe there was something that the highway department could use. Commissioners agreed to hear a presentation from Stoops about leasing equipment.

**SHERIFF:**

Zac Jones gave an update on IRACS. They had a meeting with stakeholders yesterday. He said the program had gotten 5 former inmates into rehab and also a family member of one of the former inmates. He said they are having a hard time hiring jailers and asked if anyone knew of someone wanting a job to please pass on their information. The jail population is currently down.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Wade Walling gave an update on EMA activities in 2023. He shared the results of a courthouse security questionnaire completed by most department heads. He gave an update on the Mesonet weather service. He shared information on grants received by the department that totaled over \$200,000. He requested permission to apply for GETS and WPS to allow priority phone service for county officials. He mentioned cyber-security. He talked about the Solar Eclipse coming up. Commissioner Munson moved to allow department heads to give Wade information to allow county-owned phones into the system, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY:**

Geoff Wesling did not have anything at this time.

**COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:**

No council member was present.

**MAIL:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Strong asked County Attorney Geoff Wesling if he had heard anything about Rush County taking any action on the Glenwood Water Project, and he said he had not heard anything.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There is a vacancy on the cemetery board, and Jared McGlothen has indicated interest in serving. Commissioner Munson moved to appoint Jared McGlothen to a vacancy on the Cemetery Board to expire 12.31.2027, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Strong received a request for a letter of support on the READI 2.0 grant application. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the letter of support for the READI 2.0 grant application, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

**PATRON CONCERNS:**

David Smith of 13208 Little Duck Creek Road, Laurel, is looking to purchase some property in Pleasant View. He and his wife as well as their daughter and her family want to purchase some property. Commissioners have an existing 60' easement adjoining this property. They are


requesting commissioners allow them to purchase the easement. After some discussion, Geoff said we could improve the road and allow them to use the road, or we could abandon the road. Mr. Smith officially asked if commissioners would be willing to build a road. Commissioners suggested he talk to the neighbors and see if he could work something out with them regarding the property being vacated.

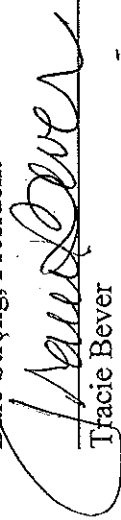
**PAYROLL AND CLAIMS:**

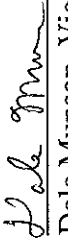
Commissioner Munson moved to approve claims as presented, seconded by Commissioner Bever, motion carried 3-0. Commissioners then signed all paperwork on camera.

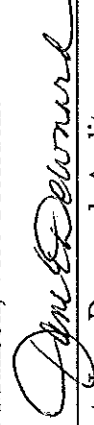
**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Munson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bever, motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

  
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Dale Strong, President

  
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Tracie Bever

  
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Dale Munson, Vice-President

  
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Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor