

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting – April 2, 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 March 19th regular meeting, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS:

Steve Bills distributed a copy of a letter to the Community Corrections Division regarding grants for Community Corrections, Community Corrections Work Release, Jail Treatment, Probation, Prosecutor's Diversion, and Drug Court stating the intent of Fayette County to request grant funding for 2025 \$1,363,528.77. Steve requested permission to apply for the grant funding. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the grant applications, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Steve presented a 144 to hire Zackaria McKee as a part-time facility officer to fill in where needed. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the 144 as presented, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

DRUG COURT:

Brandon Burgess notified commissioners of his intent to request some of the opioid funding. He was given permission and funds to hire a part-time person for one year, and the one year anniversary will be coming up soon.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Wade Walling will be attending the council meeting this evening for an additional appropriation request from the LEPC Fund. Commissioner Munson moved to approve Wade requesting the additional, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

There are some grants that Wade would like to apply for to get some equipment for various departments and he asked for commissioner approval to apply for the grants. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the application of grants from Community Foundation, Whitewater Valley REMC, and Rush Shelby REMC, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Strong reminded Wade to keep Grant Administrator Jolissa Bates in the loop on any grants he intends to apply for.

HIGHWAY:

Jay Halveland said he has not heard anything from the truck people yet.

He got a paper from the oil guy on the companies that do chip sealing and he has two names of companies. He said before he contacts them he needs to know how much we are going to spend and how much road we are going to do.

Commissioner Bever asked about the trash situation near the bridge that was brought up in the last meeting. Surveyor Macke had not looked up the right of way on the property in question, and Jay has not done anything about cleaning up the property yet.

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Geoff Wesling did not have anything at this time.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

No council member was present.

MAIL:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Munson moved to approve the job description for a Preservationist/Archives Clerk part-time position in the Recorder's Office, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Strong shared that the county was approved for the LARE Grant to help pay for desedimentation repairs at the lake in Manlove Park. Commissioners will be meeting soon with DNR officials.

Commissioner Strong also shared that the Economic Development Group voted to give a \$350,000 interest-free loan for the Glenwood Water project.

Commissioner Munson asked County Attorney Geoff Wesling if there was any way we could address the local gas stations who have already increased their gas prices to the point of price gouging, and Geoff said there is not really anything we can do at the local level.

PATRON CONCERNS:

Mayor Chad Frank shared that they have fenced in the corner of the parking lot where they are going to build Market Street Plaza and there will be some truck traffic and possibly some road closures as that construction commences.

The City has created an emergency route for the day of the Solar Eclipse to allow for local and emergency traffic only and that map is on the City's website and Facebook page. He did suggest to all listeners that they be sure to have plenty of gas in their vehicles and food for the day because other communities have shared their experiences of traffic jams, shortages of gas and food, etc.


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 2:44 p.m.


Dale Strong, President


Fracie Bever


Dale Munson, Vice-President


Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor