

FAYETTE COUNTY COUNCIL

February 6, 2024

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 Sharon Cranfill, Bob Stewart, Scott Bevington, Tim Patterson, Kay Riker-Peyton, Mike Wenta and Jim Wulff along with Auditor Jane Downard and County Attorney Geoff Wesling of said County and State.

President Cranfill called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

MINUTES:

Councilman Bevington moved to approve the minutes from the January 2nd regular meeting, Councilman Stewart seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

MAIL:

None

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

County Attorney Geoff Wesling did not have anything for council at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

COMMISSIONER REPRESENTATIVE:

Commissioner Dale Strong updated council on their meeting earlier today. They received the Area Plan Commission's proposed parking ordinance for consideration and took it under advisement, and he suggested that council members consider it as well and make any recommendations. They gave the county assessor permission to purchase a two-year supply of envelopes. They approved the Health Department reapplying for the Preparedness Grant. They approved two 144s for 911. They heard reports from Heather Caldwell and Wade Walling and Sheriff Zac Jones.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS:

An additional appropriation was presented by Bill Macke to Cumulative Bridge Fund 1135 Account 60440 in the amount of \$81,290 to make necessary repairs on Bridge 44. Councilwoman Riker-Peyton moved to approve the additional appropriation request as presented, Councilman Stewart seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

144s:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Assignments were discussed. We need three people on Budget and Finance Committee and three people on Salary and Wage. Mike Wenta and Kay Riker-Peyton expressed interest in Budget and Finance, and Sharon Cranfill asked Scott Bevington to serve on that as well. Bob Stewart, Tim Patterson and Jim Wulff agreed to serve on the Salary and Wage Committee.

Ordinance 2024-02 was presented for approval. Councilman Wenta moved to approve the ordinance as presented, Councilwoman Riker-Peyton seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Dave Ryckman received a donation from Janet Baller of Fort Wayne, Indiana in the amount of \$17,500. He also shared for those who did not know that they had received a \$75,000 grant from the Urban Enterprise Association.

Heather Caldwell gave an update on extension activities. She said 4-H enrollment for mini 4-H is exactly the same as the year before, and that regular 4-H is down slightly but she expects that

number to continue to increase as enrollments are still being accepted. February 13th is new member orientation and their Open House for current 4-H members is March 9th. Stephanie McCurdy will be conducting Matter of Balance courses for senior citizens that teach safety in their homes. She has also been trained on ServeSafe and will be presenting that information.

Wade Walling gave an annual report of EMA activities for 2023. He was able to get some much-needed equipment through grant funding, stand up an incident management team of volunteers and get a response truck for the EMA Director. They partnered with several local community partners as well as District 6 partners and FEMA and Department of Homeland Security. His goal is to get them on a path where they can respond to any incidents. They were awarded 7 grants for a total of \$208,235 that bought equipment, gear, supplies, and an incident command trailer. He was able to purchase thermal imaging cameras for City Police, Sheriff's Department, City Fire, and County Volunteer Fire Departments. They were able to get the donated siren installed and tested. One of the things he is working on is the 2024 Solar Eclipse. He is working on getting priority communication services for wireless and landline phones in case of our council and commissioners get this. He said they also got a secondary dispatch system for the volunteer fire departments.

Zac Jones mentioned how much help Wade Walling had been to the Sheriff's Department and the county as a whole. He briefed council on the IRACS team and what they had been doing in the county. They had a meeting recently with stakeholders and they have six people that have been set up in rehab and they also helped a family member of one of those people. So far only one person has reoffended and been returned to jail. Councilman Stewart questioned access to the schools in case of an emergency and Sheriff Jones said that every law enforcement officer in the county has key fobs to the schools and would be able to gain entry in an emergency.

PATRON CONCERNS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

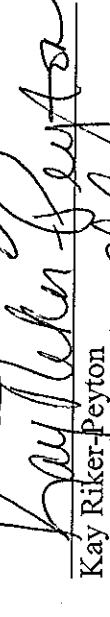
Councilwoman Riker-Peyton moved to adjourn, Councilman Stewart seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.



Sharon Cranfill, President



Scott Bevington



Kay Riker-Peyton



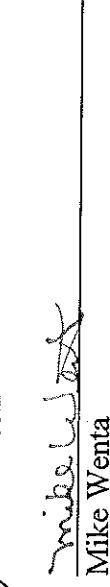
Jim Wulff



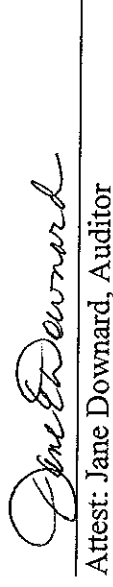
Bob Stewart, Vice President



Tim Patterson



Mike Wenta



Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor