

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – July 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 Westing 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 June 18th regular meeting, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

911:

Kelly VanMeter presented a 144 to hire Mark Gibson, a former full-time dispatcher, as a part-time dispatcher. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the 144 as presented, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

EMA Director Wade Walling presented a proposed ordinance change to the 911 Ordinance. Commissioner Strong said they would take the proposed changes under advisement, and the county attorney agreed.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Missy Kavanaugh presented a 144 to hire Shawna Volz as a part-time nurse. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the 144 as presented, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

ANIMAL SHELTER:

Dave Ryckman announced that July 12th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. will be the Open House for the new building. He also shared that they have been invited to a kayaking event that will have a fundraising portion on July 13th and they will have animals there available to adopt.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Highway director Jay Halveland said the company regarding the spraying will be here on the 16th. They have been out spray patching and hand patching and brush cutting. They had to go up and put some grit on some spots near Bentonville. Commissioner Munson asked about the emergency service sign on 300 N and 550 W if it could be moved because it is obstructing the view of drivers. He also asked about the bridge near Harrisburg Road and said trees were growing up along the edge of that bridge.

RECORDER:

Recorder Lisa Witt presented a proposed contract with a credit card company so they can begin offering credit cards as a payment option for recorded documents. The fees will be paid by the card user so there will be no cost to the county. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the contract with VPS, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0. Lisa also presented a proposed contract with Equity Protect Inc. that would allow property owners to choose to purchase coverage to protect their deeds. The Recorder's Office offers Property Watch, which is a free program that would alert property owners if a document is recorded that matches their name or legal description. The Recorder's office is also planning to have a booth at the Fayette County Free Fair to promote these programs. County Attorney Geoff Westing said his only caution would be to make sure citizens understand we are not recommending this but are just offering it. Commissioner Munson asked if the \$49 per month cost was per parcel or per landowner, and Lisa said she would find out and get back with him. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the contract with Equity Protect Inc., Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0. Lisa said they have been looking at getting some quotes on some

things they need for their office. Commissioner Bever asked if she had a candidate for the preservationist position, and she said she had talked to Haylee about advertising the position.

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Geoff Wesling did not have anything at this time.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

There were no Council members present.

MAIL:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Strong asked EMA Director Wade Walling about the survey that needed completed. He said so far he had only gotten confirmation that Everton Volunteer Fire Dept had completed the survey so far. Wade said he believes Bentonville Volunteer Fire Department had completed theirs, and Commissioner Munson said EMS had done theirs. Commissioner Strong said he would follow up with Wade on this. Wade shared that he got an email from FEMA and they are reviewing our BRIC application.

Commissioner Bever shared that as far as commissioners know the insurance problem with Reid Health has been resolved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Thomas Jones submitted a petition to vacate a public way and would like commissioners to officially vacate an alley adjoining his property. He recently purchased a property and would like to replace a fence but was advised that the location of the former fence was actually in an alley. Commissioner Strong said we could set a public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Munson moved to set a public hearing for August 6th at 2 p.m., Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0. Auditor will advertise the meeting and send the certified mail to adjoining property owners.

PATRON CONCERNS:

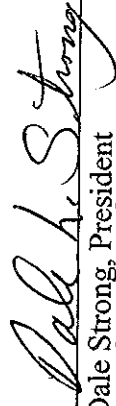
David Smith was present regarding property on Serenity Drive. Commissioners have discussed this property in previous meetings. Mr. Smith said since his last meeting attended he purchased the property in question, hired a surveyor and had the survey done, and is waiting on his attorney to draw up paperwork granting an easement. County Attorney Geoff Wesling suggested commissioners give some direction about the size of the driveway and say that he is responsible for maintaining the full easement. Commissioner Munson moved to authorize language giving an up to 18 ft roadbed in the existing right of way off Serenity Parkway North and for Mr. Smith to be responsible for maintaining the entire 60 ft width of the right of way, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

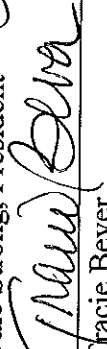
PAYROLL AND CLAIMS:

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 Bever moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Munson, motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.


Dale Strong, President


Tracie Bever



Dale Munson, Vice-President



Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor