

**FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting – July 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 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 July 2<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

EMA Director Wade Walling asked about the proposed amendments to the 911 Ordinance, and Commissioner Strong said commissioners had reviewed the ordinance but that other amendments may need to be made so they were not prepared to take action at this time.

Wade recognized CEI for a donation of \$150.50, and Hopkins Insurance Agency for a donation of \$200, towards the Wayfinder project of putting mile markers on the west fork of the river.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT:**

Matt Sherck was present to request commissioner input on reclassifying the health department clerk position from a COMOT classification to a PAT classification. Commissioner Bever moved to table the request until they can get more information, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Matt said the Health Board has always had their own attorney, but they do not currently have one. Matt asked if Geoff would be willing to represent the Health Board as well as the county and he said he would as long as the commissioners did not have a conflict with it.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

Highway Director Jay Halveland presented information he had received on having a company to help chip seal. Evergreen proposed \$19,750 to lay down oil, and said Asphalt Materials will supply the oil but wants 50 cents more per gallon to do it. A tanker does a mile and a half of road, and a tanker holds between 6,200 and 6,500 gallons. At the price he's quoting, it would cost \$267,949, for Marathon it would be \$222,012 for the same mileage. Commissioner Munson said we need to see if Evergreen will use Marathon to allow the county a savings. Commissioner Munson moved to table this discussion until we determine if Evergreen will use Marathon, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Jay said he checked some of the places they had previously blacktopped including Waterloo Road and he recommends they put another layer of chip seal down. He said he checked the mileage on Waterloo Road and it is 4 ½ miles, and 300 North is 6 ½ miles so that's a total of 11 miles. He found two other roads that need it too: Mt. Zion Road and 300 South out by the cemetery, both of those roads are 2 miles.

Jay said he has guys out brush cutting and the spray patchers are out.

**RECORDER:**

Recorder Lisa Witt was unable to attend the meeting but had submitted a 144 to hire two part-time employees for the preservationist position that was created some months ago. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the 144 as presented to hire Tess Montgomery and Cameron Butts, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER:**

Ron Stevens was present to let commissioners know he was back in the office and business as usual was proceeding.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY:**

Geoff Wesling did not have anything at this time. Garrett Keener, legal intern for Attorney Jamie Harvey, presented an easement deed for Commissioners allowing an easement to allow a roadbed of 18 feet in width in the existing right of way to David Smith. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the ingress and egress easement, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Strong addressed the issue of the walnut tree and said the only way commissioners could sell a tree is if they advertised for bids. Mr. Smith said his personal preference would be to leave the tree as is and that he would not plan to remove it himself. Commissioner Bever moved to leave the tree, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

**COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:**

There were no Council members present.

**MAIL:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Bever moved to approve proposed Ordinance 2024-07 to Establish a Ban on Compression Release Engine Brakes, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

A Change Order Form and a Substantial Completion Form were presented for CCMG 2023-02 Road Resurfacing Project. Commissioner Munson moved to approve signing the forms as presented, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

A Proposed Change in Payroll Schedule and Voucher due dates was presented. Our HR and Payroll department has requested the change to make payroll more timely and accurate. Haylee Weston provided a spreadsheet showing proposed pay period adjustments. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the proposed changes as presented, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

**PATRON CONCERNS:**

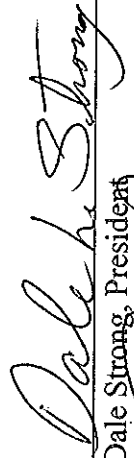
Mayor Chad Frank was present and spoke about House Bill 1167 requiring live streaming public meetings. He said the Cemetery Board, Tourism Board, 911 Advisory Board, and Community Corrections Advisory Board along with all the townships have not cooperated with TV3. He said we may need clarification from our County Attorney if the entity qualifies as a public entity. Commissioners agreed to contact the various entities and encourage cooperation.

**PAYROLL AND CLAIMS:**

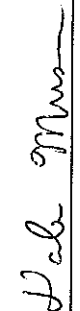
Commissioner Munson moved to approve claims as presented, seconded by Commissioner Bever, motion carried 3-0. Commissioners then signed all paperwork on camera.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Bever moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Munson, motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

  
Dale Strong, President

  
Tracie Bever

  
Dale Munson, Vice-President

  
Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor