

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting – August 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 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 16th regular meeting, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PETITION TO VACATE A PUBLIC ALLEY

Mr. Thomas Jones filed the petition to vacate a public alley abutted by and lying between Lot No. 67 and Lot No. 68 in the Plat of the Town of Danville (now Orange) in Fayette County, Indiana and abutted by and lying between Lot No. 9 and Lot No. 10 and between Lot No. 11 and Lot No. 12 in the South Addition to the town of Fayetteville (now Orange) in Fayette County, Indiana. The alleyway is unimproved and an abandoned right of way. The adjoining property owners have been properly notified. Mr. Jones spoke regarding his petition. There was no one else present who spoke. Commissioner Munson moved to close the public hearing, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Munson moved to approve Ordinance 2024-06 Vacating an Alley in a Public Way, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

911:

Director Kelly VanMeter submitted a 144 request to hire Nimue RjMiller as a part-time dispatcher. She is currently a full-time employee of EMS. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the 144 as presented, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

AUDITOR:

Commissioner Munson moved to approve the Peterson Consulting contract, Commissioner Bever seconded. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the TrueRoll contract, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

CLERK:

Clerk Dawn Hughes was present regarding help delivering machines on election day. She cited IC 3-11-14-14 that says the county executive will provide transportation if requested by the election board. Dawn is officially asking the commissioners to allow the County Highway Department to transport their equipment to the polls. Commissioners committed to delivering the equipment one way or another.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS:

Director Steve Bills shared a letter from DOC regarding the 2025 grants. All entities received the same funding they did the prior year. He said they recently had an audit of all entities and received a positive audit with no findings.

He presented a 144 to hire several individuals both full-time and part-time: Kari Ruf is a case manager and came from Probation Department; Zakaria McKee and Michael Bourrell were both moved from part-time to full-time Facility Officers; and William Reeve moved from a full-time Facility Officer to part-time. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the 144 as presented, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Strong shared that they met with Thor Construction this morning and Thor said they are still on track for an August 30th completion. Steve said that Debbie Kidd was going to get

with the Auditor and the Grant Administrator regarding fees being collected and paid to the county.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Matt Sherck and Missy Kavanaugh had multiple items. Matt requested they sign a contract for the Indiana Health Information Exchange to allow them to do case management on patients. This is a program recommended by the State Department of Health. The first year's cost is covered but successive years would cost \$1,800 per year. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the contract, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Matt presented a 144 to hire Rachel Tincher as a medical assistant. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the 144 as presented, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Matt asked commissioners to make a decision regarding the change in classification for the current Registrar from a COMOT position to a PAT position. The current employee has had medical and clinical training to assist in vaccine clinics and with future medical services being offered through the Governor's Health Initiative. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the change in classification to a PAT position, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Matt requested permission to hire another environmental specialist and explained the role that person would be performing. He discussed his budget requests using the existing Health Department fund and the new Local Public Health fund. Commissioner Bever moved to approve Matt moving ahead with advertising that position, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Missy shared they were having another Health Fair September 28th from 11 to 4 at Roberts Park in the Pavilion with a 50s Theme. The fair will include a flu clinic and different vendors.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Highway Director Jay Halveland said they have been putting down gravel on 300 S and Wellsview Road. They paved High Point Court today. They have been brushcutting. He said the other one has a blown hose. They went over to check on a road widener from a guy in Shelbyville that buys and sells used equipment and are trying to get an agreement to rent it and try it out. He wants \$17,000 for that. He has a distributor truck 2006 Ford with a CAT motor that has 96,000 miles on it. Jay said he wants \$45,000 for it but Jay told him he wouldn't even consider it without seeing it spray. Commissioners asked where we were with the chip sealing and Jay said he needed to get a hold of the guy that would be spraying the oil. The guy with the oil company realized he messed up with the quote and fixed the prices so we are good to go. Jay wants to do 15 miles of road if they can. He said we hadn't finished the last 2 miles of 700 and it needs to be done. He said he had enough money to do that. Commissioner Munson asked about the sign at 300 and 550 and said he is catching all kinds of grief. He said when you come down 300 you have to go out into 550 to be able to see around the sign. Discussion was held about moving the sign. Jay said he would get it looked at.

IT:

Michael King presented quotes from Ricoh and Toshiba for new copiers for the Auditor and Surveyor offices. The Toshiba unit for Auditors Office was \$7,222.73 and for the Surveyors Office was \$4,977.85. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the purchase of the two Toshiba copiers, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

PROBATION:

Ryan Siggers presented a 144 to hire Jana Sparks, who was a part-time employee at Community Corrections, to a full-time vacancy left by the resignation of Kari Ruf. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the 144 as presented, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

RECORDER:

Recorder Lisa Witt had a couple of items. She said one of the preservationists started three weeks ago and the other started today. Cameron has released four books in three weeks. She said they have been working on getting the books relabeled so you can see the dates on them. They have been really busy and feel like progress is going really well.

The Recorder's Office had a tent at the fair and they had 19 families sign up for Property Watch.

She presented quotes and requested permission to move forward with purchasing some office furniture. She would like to go with the quote from The Office Shop for a total of \$7,610. The equipment would be paid for from the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the purchase from The Office Shop, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

There were no Council members present.

MAIL:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PATRON CONCERNS:

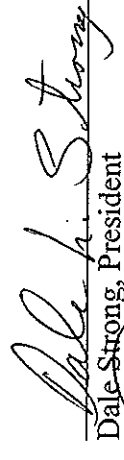
Jennifer Lee from Chances and Services for Youth was present to share information about the state of childcare in Fayette County. She said the state of Indiana loses 2.2 billion per year because of a lack of childcare. There are 1,245 children in Fayette County, and 759 of those need childcare based on the adults in the home working. She said the ten local providers can only handle 327. Today's children are tomorrow's workforce. The average weekly cost of childcare is \$149, annually it is 14.4% of a family's annual income. They have three goals. They work to connect with community leaders. They work directly with Childcare Providers. They work directly with families. They would help connect persons who want to become childcare providers with services they needed.

PAYROLL AND CLAIMS:

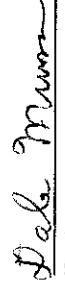
Commissioner Bever moved to approve claims as presented, seconded by Commissioner Munson, motion carried 3-0. Commissioners then signed all paperwork on camera.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Munson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bever, motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.


Dale Strong, President


Tracie Bever


Dale Munson, Vice-President


Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor