

**FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting – August 20, 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 August 6<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS:**

Director Steve Bills presented a 144 to hire two part-time employees. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the 144 as presented, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

Director Wade Walling publicly thanked the Fayette Community Foundation for a \$14,000 grant to purchase equipment for volunteer fire departments and for some radios. He requested permission to apply for the 2025 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Program. Commissioner Bever reminded Wade that all grants need to go through Jolissa, and he confirmed he had sent her an email regarding this grant. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the application, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

Highway Director Jay Halveland said they are supposed to start chip sealing at 6 a.m. on Monday.

**RECORDER:**

Recorder Lisa Witt was present to request renewal of contracts with CSI. She received a quote for an additional scanner at a cost of \$1,339. She gave an update on what the preservationists are doing, and updated that the office remodel with new furniture has been completed. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the purchase of the scanner, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0. Commissioners will review the CSI contracts and vote on those at the next meeting.

**SHERIFF:**

Sheriff Zac Jones said they also received a Fayette Community Foundation Grant for \$9,000 to repair the padded cell. He said Stanley is there today installing controls. He has ordered a sample tile for control room floor; he said it was hard to find the material and that Councilman Tim Patterson helped him find it. He said they are one short to be fully staffed when the new facility opens. He said they had applied for 10 employees using the Jail LIT but will only need 7 for the new facility. He suggested the other 3 could be used to hire courthouse security personnel.

**SURVEYOR:**

Surveyor Bill Macke thought he would have a contract from INDOT for commissioners to sign but he does not have an updated version. We have to have our contract signed before September 1<sup>st</sup>, so commissioners agreed they would call a special session to get it signed as soon as Bill receives it.

**COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:**

There were no Council members present.

**MAIL:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mike Kleinpeter of Kleinpeter Consulting was with Tom Fledderman of the Everton Water Corporation to request permission for Everton Water Corporation to apply for a planning grant in the November round. Tom said a communication system that's been in place since 2002 needs replaced. The tower on 450 and 350 E needs painted. They are also due for meter upgrades. They want to apply for a planning grant to assess current needs, future needs, and to hire an engineering firm to review and make recommendations. Commissioner Strong said he had talked to our Grant Administrator, Jolissa Bates, who explained there are two conflicting grant opportunities (Everton Water Corporation and Owner Occupied Rehabilitation) and commissioners would need to choose which grant to give priority at this time as we can only apply for one. Everton Water would apply in November and hopefully get awarded in December. In February, they would sign contracts for engineering firm, and the county would then be eligible to apply for a new grant at that time. Tom said there are currently 827 customers on Everton Water. Commissioner Munson moved to table this discussion until the next meeting, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

**PATRON CONCERNS:**

Vane Lashua announced that the CHS 60<sup>th</sup> class reunion will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> at Hagerstown. He said Jane Gesell was the coordinator for the event.


**PAYROLL AND CLAIMS:**

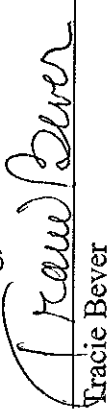
Commissioner Munson moved to approve claims as presented, seconded by Commissioner Bever, motion carried 3-0. Commissioners then signed all paperwork on camera.


**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Munson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bever, motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

  
Dale Strong, President

  
Dale Munson, Vice-President

  
Tracie Bever

  
Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor