

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting – September 3, 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 20th regular meeting, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

ANIMAL SHELTER:

Dave Ryckman explained they were trying to get internet ran down to the new building. He has gotten two quotes, one from Hill-Fi for \$4,440 and one from CEI for \$4,510.84. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the quote from Hill-Fi for \$4,440, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0. The kittens are in the new building. They have a trainer who has been working with animals and is donating their training fees to the Animal Shelter. They are going to have a shot clinic coming up soon. He has a wash tub he just needs to get it plumbed in. He is getting a sign made for the building to go above the doors.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Matt Sherok presented proposed Ordinance 2024-08 Amending Fee Schedule for Health Department. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the ordinance as presented, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0. Matt presented a flyer for lab work that will be available, and he will begin advertising that new service soon. Commissioner Strong asked what COVID levels were like right now, and Matt said they haven't really been getting any numbers like they did in previous years. Commissioner Strong also asked when seasonal flu shots will be available, and Matt said it would be soon. They will be doing a flu clinic along with a car show and sock hop and other activities at the Park soon.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Highway Director Jay Halveland said they have the chip sealing down. They did Waterloo in one day, then did Harrisburg another day, then did 300 S last. They will start paving at Posey soon and get that done. The new brush cutter broke down and they are going to replace the whole boom on it. They have been cleaning up trash and cutting trees. Jay said it worked out well having the gentleman in the distributor truck do that work. Jay said there are some intersections that they will need to pick up some gravel on. He said they had placed some loose gravel signs in areas and that several of the signs were stolen.

IT:

Michael King presented quotes to purchase three surface laptops for the Prosecutor's office at a cost of \$1,198 each. They have some of the money in their budget, and the remainder will be paid from IT budget. Commissioner Munson asked if he had checked into leasing, and Michael explained that for smaller purchases like ours leasing wasn't really affordable, and at the end of a leasing period we didn't own anything. He also talked about the time involved in migrating data from leased equipment at the end of the lease period. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the purchase of the three laptops as quoted, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

MAINTENANCE:

Josh Jarboe presented a 144 to hire Travis Marshall as a full-time building and maintenance employee primarily taking over outside duties and projects like painting and light fixtures. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the 144 as presented, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0. Josh said he had reached out to a few companies to get quotes for

replacement boilers. He said we would not be quoting a quote from Moore because he said the job is a little too big of a job for him. Moore recommended we reach out to bigger companies like in Indianapolis. We have a quote from North Mechanical but it contained extra items so they are going to submit a new quote. He will also be getting a quote from QVH. He has lots of quotes for other projects but believes the key thing that needs focused on now is replacing the boilers.

RECORDER:

Recorder Lisa Witt presented the contract agreements between the Recorder's Office and CSI (Computer Systems, Inc.), the land records management system used by the Recorder's Office. Their system works with DoxPop for people to search and print documents from home, and it works with ERM for online recording. The three contracts are for Redaction Services, Microfilm Services, Disaster Recovery Services, and there is also a Maintenance Agreement. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the four agreements as presented, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0. She gave a quick update on what her preservationists are doing. Tess is scanning the plat cabinet. Cameron is working on the DD214s. She has had two companies, ARCA and US Imaging, come in to give quotes on getting everything in the back room digitized.

SURVEYOR:

Surveyor Bill Macke presented a contract needing signed for INDOT. The contract is between us and Butler Fairman for Bridge 533. Commissioner Munson moved to approve and sign the LPA Consulting contract between Fayette County and Butler Fairman for the engineering and design expenses for Bridge 533, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Geoff Wesling mentioned there is a problem at the Jail involving a shortage of shackles and that he would discuss that off camera with commissioners individually. He also suggested that the commissioners consider amending their handbook to allow a policy of paying out comp time if a department could get grant funds to cover the cost of the payout.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

There were no Council members present.

MAIL:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Tom Fledderman of the Everton Water Corporation asked if commissioners had a chance to discuss and decide on allowing them to apply for an OCRA grant. Commissioner Munson said he had talked to our Grant Administrator Jolissa Bates and that he was ready to move to approve their grant application, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jay Gaddis representing Discover Connersville explained the need for a solid overhead cover at the Oasis. They requested the commissioners waive the building permit fee for the structure. Commissioner Bever moved to waive the building permit fees for Discover Connersville to put in a 12 x 20 foot foundation, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Donna Schroeder was present on behalf of DAR regarding Celebration 2026 and the Liberty Tree. She requested permission to plant a Liberty Tree on courthouse property and have a small plaque explaining the purpose of the tree. She said she thought a tulip poplar tree, the State Tree, would be the best choice. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the tree planting as long as there was room, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion and clarified that commissioners would determine the placing, motion carried 3-0. She also pointed out there is a rock behind the courthouse that says it is the location of John Conner's trading post but the rock is supposed to be at 5th and Eastern which is the actual location of the original trading post. Commissioner Strong said it is not hurting anything where it is, and that they would have to get permission to move it back to the Eastern Avenue location where it should be. Donna is going to talk to Rick Lemen about possibly moving it to his property. Donna also pointed out that Historic Connersville does not have any records from the Recorder's Office. They are in possession of some records, but they are from the Clerk's office and have gone through the proper procedures for HCI to be in possession of them.

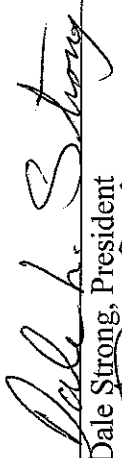
PATRON CONCERNS:

PAYROLL AND CLAIMS:

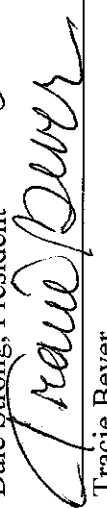
Commissioner Munson moved to approve claims as presented, seconded by Commissioner Bever, motion carried 3-0. Commissioners then signed all paperwork on camera.

ADJOURNMENT:

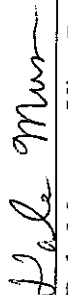
Commissioner Munson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bever, motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.



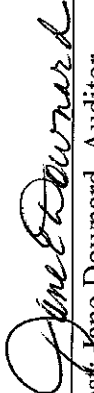
Dale Strong, President



Tracie Bever



Dale Munson, Vice-President



Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor