

FAYETTE COUNTY COUNCIL
August 6, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED:

That the Fayette County Council of Fayette County, State of Indiana, met in regular session on the above date at 6:00 p.m. with the following present: Council members Sharon Cranfill, Bob Stewart, Scott Bevington, Jim Wulff, Tim Patterson, Kay Riker-Peyton, and Mike Wenta (via Zoom) along with Auditor Jane Downard of said County and State.

President Cranfill called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

MINUTES:

Councilman Wulff moved to approve the minutes from the July 2nd regular meeting, Councilman Bevington seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

MAIL/EMAIL:

None

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

County Attorney Geoff Wesling was not present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Bevington gave an update on the Budget and Finance Committee. They met on July 9th with the goal of identifying some topics that council needed to take some additional time on. This is not an all encompassing list but it is what they came up. In no particular order: 911 fiscal issues and organization, developing a policy on additional appropriations, tackling the ever rising costs of EMS, labor guidelines regarding exempt and non-exempt employees, developing a policy on last minute agenda items, and the distribution of the public safety tax. They did not reach any type of consensus on any of these issues.

COMMISSIONER REPRESENTATIVE:

Commissioners Dale Strong and Dale Munson were present. Commissioner Strong gave an update on what commissioners did at their meeting earlier today. They approved several 144 requests from three different departments, approved a couple of contracts for the Auditor's office, approved the purchase of a copier each for the Auditor and the Surveyor, and approved a furniture purchase for the Recorder. Commissioners Strong and Munson met with DLZ and Thor Construction this morning and they are still saying they will complete the facility by August 30th. We will not be able to open on that date because there are some things that could not be done until the construction is done such as controls but we are making progress. Commissioner Strong told council that July 15th they started drawing water out of Manlove Lake. As of today, there is less than 20% of water surface still in the lake, and he said it could be completely dry by this weekend. We received a grant from DNR to help cover the costs of rejuvenating the lake.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS:

An Additional Appropriation to County General Fund 1000 Probation Account 30062 Contracted Detention Costs in the amount of \$20,000 was presented by Lisa Day. Councilwoman Riker-Peyton moved to approve the additional appropriation request as presented, Councilman Bevington seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

An Additional Appropriation to County General Fund 1000 Superior Court Account 30824 Transcripts in the amount of \$3,000 was presented by Judge Paul Freed. Councilwoman Riker-Peyton moved to approve the additional appropriation request as presented, Councilman Patterson seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0. Judge Freed shared that his part-time employee has given her notice, and he has advertised for a replacement with no success.

An Additional Appropriation to County General Fund 1000 Recorder Account 30120 Travel and Training in the amount of \$584 was presented by Recorder Lisa Witt. She would like to attend the AIC Conference in September. Councilman Bevington moved to approve the additional appropriation request as presented, Councilman Patterson seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

An Additional Appropriation to Statewide 911 Fund 1222 Account 40400 Equipment in the amount of \$7,145 was presented by 911 Director Kelly VanMeter. Councilman Patterson moved to approve the additional appropriation request as presented, Councilman Bevington seconded the motion, motion carried 6-1. Roll call vote Riker-Peyton Yes Patterson Yes Wulff Yes Bevington Yes Stewart Yes Cranfill Yes Wentta No.

An Additional Appropriation to LIT Correctional and Rehabilitation Facilities Fund 1233 Account 30071 Medical Services in the amount of \$20,000 was presented by Sheriff Zac Jones. Councilwoman Riker-Peyton moved to approve the additional appropriation request as presented, Councilman Bevington seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0. Sheriff Jones said they are trying to hire employees to have them ready for the Women's Work Release Center when it is ready to open.

144s:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

John Pause of TV3 shared copies of their current budget. He explained about the new law requiring live streaming of public meetings. He said the county meetings would go to 151 meetings. TV3 was able to put in a request for equipment using ARPA funds received by the City. It was suggested that a meeting should be held to get all players in the room together.

PATRON CONCERNS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilwoman Riker-Peyton moved to adjourn, Councilman Bevington seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.


Sharon Cranfill, President

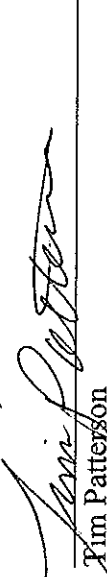
Scott Bevington

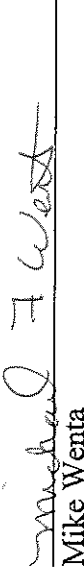

Kay Riker-Peyton

Jim Wulff


Bob Stewart, Vice President

Jim Patterson


Mike Wentta


Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor