

**FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting – January 21, 2025**

**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 January 7<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**ANIMAL SHELTER:**

Dave Ryckman requested approval of a 144 to hire Katayla Hux as the full-time animal warden. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the 144 as presented, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Dave advised commissioners that he was going to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$30,000 out of the donation fund to cover veterinarian expenses. Commissioner Munson approved Dave requesting the appropriation from council, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Dave requested a telephone for the old building. The existing phones had been moved to the new building. Commissioners recommended that he get with IT Director Michael King to discuss options.

**AREA PLAN COMMISSION:**

Bill MacDaniel has three applicants for the building inspector position, and would like to conduct interviews the second week of February.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

Wade Walling requested permission to apply for a Duke Energy Grant to purchase a drone that has thermal imaging capability. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the application of the grant, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Wade presented a quote to update the panic buttons at a cost of \$1,100 from Response Technologies, and said he would like to take that out of the commissioners' budget. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the quote as presented, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Wade presented a photo of the radio tower that shows one of the antennas leaning. The current owners of the radio tower will not allow vendors on the property to perform maintenance or repairs. Wade has requested that our county attorney reach out to SBA, the current owner, to see if something can be done. County Attorney Geoff Wesling is drafting an email now and will copy Wade on it.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

Chris Gettinger did not have anything to report. He said it had been a busy couple of weeks.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY:**

Geoff Wesling did not have anything for commissioners at this time.

**COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:**

There was no council member present.

**MAIL:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Bever moved to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the County and RWDSU Local 512 to change the expiration date of the current highway union contract from December 31, 2025 to January 31, 2026, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0. This had been discussed at the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A proposed contract with Butler Fairman and Seufert for the 2025 Community Crossings Grant project was presented for approval along with a proposed list of roads to be paved. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the contractual agreement for program assistance for the 2025 Community Crossings paving projects for the following: CR 350 W from CR 700 N to CR 1000N, CR 400 W from SR 44 W to CR 150 N, Hawkinsville Road from CR 150 N to CR 200 N, School Road from Springersville Road N to CR 250 N, Ziegler Road from SR 121 S west to CR 150 W, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

**PATRON CONCERNS:**

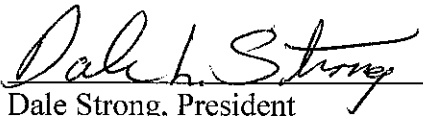
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**PAYROLL AND CLAIMS:**

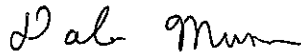
Commissioner Munson moved to approve claims and payroll as presented, seconded by Commissioner Bever, motion carried 3-0. Commissioners then signed all paperwork on camera.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

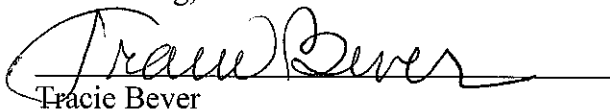
Commissioner Munson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bever, motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.



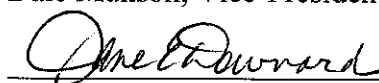
Dale Strong, President



Dale Munson, Vice-President



Tracie Bever



Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor