

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting –February 18, 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 February 4th regular meeting, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

CLERK:

Dawn Hughes gave an update on the 2024 General Election. Using vote centers, the total cost of the election was \$52,608.92. Comparing to 2020 at a cost of \$65,936.13 and 2016 at a cost of \$60,977.10, the county saved \$13,000 from 2020 and \$8,000 from 2016. Commissioner Strong asked if the Election Board planned to continue with Vote Centers, and Dawn said yes. The total number of poll workers was reduced from about 90 to 30.

SHERIFF:

Zac Jones said the state jail inspector came today to do the walk-through on the women's center and pointed out a couple of things that need fixed but for the most part said everything looked good. This will be the only inspection they will do prior to opening the facility.

Zac had spoken with Riedman Motors about purchasing two new vehicles and Jeff had two 2023 models left from last year that he offered at a good price. He said the K9 truck was going to be retired and once the dog box is removed, he would like to offer it to our Maintenance Supervisor. The second vehicle to be retired would probably be the Impala currently being used for transports. Commissioner Strong said the Surveyor had been waiting for a vehicle so if there was something the Sheriff's department was going to retire that he could use to keep him in mind. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the purchase of the two vehicles at \$38,500 each and to giving the retired K9 vehicle to Josh Jarboe, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

SURVEYOR:

Bill Macke presented a contract for the sign inventory that he would like to see signed today. The contract will be with SJCA, Inc. and cost the county \$12,400 of the total cost of \$127,400. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the contract as presented, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

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 Munson moved to appoint Richie Stevens to the Board of Zoning Appeals to replace Kari Simpkins, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Contracts were presented for the three Volunteer Fire Departments to receive \$45,000 each. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the contracts as presented, Commissioner Strong seconded the motion, motion carried 2-0 with Commissioner Munson abstaining because he is a member of the Glenwood Volunteer Fire Department.

A joint committee was formed by the Connersville Board of Works and Fayette County Commissioners to review and score the proposals received for the 2025 Local Opioid Settlement Funds. The committee met twice to review the scoring criteria, ask questions, and review eligibility requirements for submitted budget items. On February 6th, the committee turned in their individually scored applications. The following awards are recommended for approval by the committee based upon scoring, funding limitations, and eligibility:

Reid Health - \$158,399
House of Ruth - \$107,512
Hope Center - \$75,000
Mount Zion - \$42,000
Pathway to Damascus - \$65,531.65
Fayette Co Drug Court - \$38,500

Commissioner Bever moved to approve the distributions as outlined, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

PATRON CONCERNS:

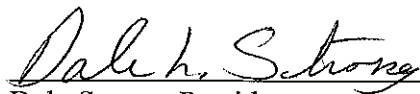
None

PAYROLL AND CLAIMS:

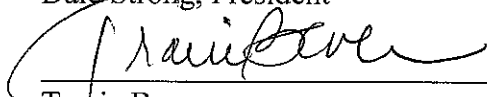
Commissioner Munson moved to approve claims and payroll as presented, seconded by Commissioner Bever, motion carried 3-0. Commissioners then signed all paperwork on camera.

ADJOURNMENT:

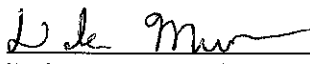
Commissioner Munson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bever, motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.



Dale Strong, President



Tracie Bever



Dale Munson, Vice-President



Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor