

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

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

ANIMAL SHELTER:

Dave Ryckman presented a 144 to hire Rhonda Day as the animal warden. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the 144 as presented, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

They established shot clinics. The first month they did 14, the second month they did 24. The next one is Saturday, April 10th. Shots are \$15 for rabies and \$15 for distemper, and they do both dogs and cats.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Wade Walling spoke about the role emergency management plays in foul weather. They are also part of the alerting system, and he is requesting commissioners add NOAA weather integration to the alerting system. He said he had discussed this with 911 Director Kelly VanMeter, and that he has funds in his budget for this year but not for future years. The CivicPlus contract is split between the county and the city, so Wade will need to go to the city to get their agreement. Commissioner Munson moved to approve up to \$802.42 increase in the CivicPlus contract to add the NOAA weather integration, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Wade talked about the fire at Community Crossings on Sunday, and the number of families that were displaced as a result of that fire. He called the Red Cross and they sent a team down. They had to find emergency shelter for six people Sunday, and one person last night. These people lost everything. Wade talked to the Community Foundation about setting up an emergency relief fund where the Foundation would collect monetary donations. Discussion was held about the use of the funds and whether setting up a fund as discussed would expedite the expenditure process. Commissioner Bever as a former Township Trustee discussed that townships might be a better outlet for this assistance rather than the county. Commissioner Bever moved to table this issue until further investigation, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

MAINTENANCE:

Josh Jarboe presented three quotes for a washer and dryer install. The current quotes are top of the line and come with all moving parts and range in cost from \$25,000-\$30,000. Josh also presented two bids for our preventative maintenance contracts. Josh's recommendation was to stay with North Mechanical and renew for one additional year. Commissioner Bever moved to renew a one-year contract with North Mechanical at a cost of \$19,928, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0. Discussion was held on purchasing a washer and dryer. Josh will get additional quotes. Josh mentioned that a riding lawn mower will be a necessity this year as well. He said they have gotten quotes to fully maintain and repair the current mower and that it would probably be cheaper to purchase a new mower. Commissioner Strong mentioned Abernathy Auction will be having their spring sale soon and there might be a used mower that would suit the county's needs.

SURVEYOR:

Bill Macke presented a right of way contract with SJCA for Bridge 32. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the contract as presented, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Strong asked if he had any plans for the decking on Nulltown Bridge. Bill suggested that would be a good project to apply for Community Crossings Grant funds. He said it is an asphalt bridge, and he would need to have engineering done to estimate a cost. Commissioner Munson moved to request Surveyor move forward as soon as possible to make preparations for deck replacement on Nulltown Bridge, 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:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PATRON CONCERNS:

Brian Bramer spoke and said a year and a half ago he wanted his son to build a house on acreage he owns but was told he couldn't because he only has 75 feet of road frontage. He has a neighbor who built two houses next to him in the past couple of years with no permits, no septic permits, etc. and the neighbor has no road frontage at all. This is on Allentown Road. County Attorney Geoff Wesling said he thought there could be a way to get a variance so his son could build. Geoff explained the APC is a complaint driven board and they often are unaware of a situation until after the fact.

PAYROLL AND CLAIMS:

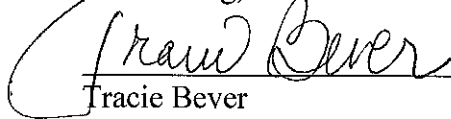
Commissioner Munson moved to approve claims and payroll as presented, seconded by Commissioner Bever, motion carried 3-0. Commissioners then signed all paperwork on camera.

ADJOURNMENT:

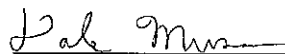
Commissioner Munson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bever, motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.



Dale Strong, President



Tracie Bever



Dale Munson, Vice-President



Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor