

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting –May 20, 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, along with 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 May 6th regular meeting, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

HIGHWAY:

Chris Gettinger shared that the pre-construction meeting had been held last week for the Community Crossings Grant Road Paving Project. The vendor said it would probably be the end of June before they can get to it because materials are not available right now. Commissioner Strong asked if they were able to help Mr. Savoy at the County Farm, and Chris said he had sent a backhoe up there to fill in a ravine or two, fill in the two ponds, and fix access. Commissioner Munson asked if they can cut scrub trees back against the fences when they start trimming trees, and Chris said they have the equipment ready to go and will work on getting trimming done.

IT:

Michael King presented quotes for our firewall subscription. The cheapest option is from Dell at an annual cost of \$3,357.21 for a one-year renewal. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the quote from Dell as presented and recommended, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

SUPERIOR COURT:

Judge Paul Freed explained that they had applied for an Indiana Office of Court Services Grant without requesting permission from commissioners due to a technical issue and apologized. He requested commissioners allow a payout of accumulated compensatory time for Drug Court Supervisor Brandon Burgess. Discussion was held regarding policies, and Judge Freed said that he is working on a separate policy for court staff that should be completed in the near future. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the payout of accumulated compensatory time pending proper language in the soon-to-be presented court services handbook, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0. Judge Freed also requested that the Ford Explorer that had recently been moved to the paint company be given to Drug Court to fix up and use. He said they have funds available to repair and maintain it. Commissioner Munson moved to allow Drug Court having the Ford Explorer, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0. Judge Freed shared that Ralph Eldridge has now resigned from the Public Defender Board, and Brayton Johns had resigned a few weeks ago, so Commissioner Bever is currently the only member of that Board. Judge Freed said that he had spoken to Gary Smith and Mike Bottomley and both of them have expressed interest in serving on that board.

MAIL:

None

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Geoff Wesling had a conflict and was not present.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

There was no council member present.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Trisha Dearth-Adkins was present regarding Resolution 25-R-4 Authorizing Resolution for rural transit. They will be applying for a 5311 operating grant, and for a capital grant to get three new vehicles to add to the fleet. Commissioner Munson moved to approve Resolution 25-R-4, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

PATRON CONCERNS:

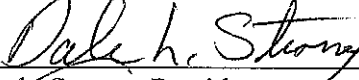
EDG Director Dan Parker thanked commissioners for their support over the years and shared his plan to retire. He introduced Brad Colter as the new EDG Director, and Brad spoke and thanked Dan for his 11 years of service in the position. Commissioner Munson moved to appoint Brad to be a commissioner representative on the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

PAYROLL AND CLAIMS:

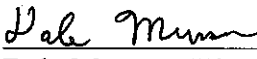
Commissioner Munson moved to approve claims and payroll as presented, seconded by Commissioner Bever, motion carried 3-0. Commissioners then signed all paperwork on camera.

ADJOURNMENT:

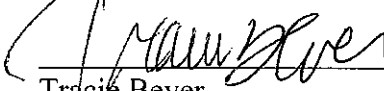
Commissioner Munson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bever, motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.



Dale Strong, President



Dale Munson, Vice-President



Tracie Bever



Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor