

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – January 20, 2026

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 Munson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Strong moved to approve the minutes of January 6th regular meeting, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

MAINTENANCE:

Josh Jarboe presented a 144 for a full-time maintenance employee (Diemer Taylor) and two part-time employees (Austin Carr and Stacie Carr). Commissioner Strong moved to approve the 144 as presented, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0.

Josh said he's been getting ready to install a water softener for the courthouse and expects it to cost around \$6,000. There are a lot of small projects in progress at the jail.

911:

Jeff Griffin requested commissioners officially appoint Samantha Caldwell as the new 911 Director. Commissioner Strong shared that they had gone through the interview process and decided Samantha would be a good fit for the job with her experience. Commissioner Strong moved to officially name Samantha Caldwell as our 911 Director, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0. Jeff then presented a 144 to move Kylie Osborn from part-time too full-time to fill the dispatcher vacancy left by Samantha's promotion, and to hire Lucinda Maiden as a part-time dispatcher. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the 144 as presented, Commissioner Strong seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0.

EDG:

Brad Colter had previously sent an email from Ball State University regarding sharing GIS files. Commissioner Strong moved to approve sharing data with Ball State University for the EDG project, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0. Auditor Downard had forwarded the Ball State request to WTH and they are going to do a limited use agreement for commissioners final approval.

AREA PLAN:

Bill MacDaniel talked about what he considers a long-term problem with there being nothing budgeted to hire a transition person to be trained prior to his resignation. Bill asked if there was any way commissioners could help.

CLERK:

Dawn Hughes presented a four-year maintenance agreement with Microvote. She has money in her budget. Commissioner Strong moved to approve the agreement as presented, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Dawn reminded the public that February 6th at 12 noon is the last day to file a Declaration of Candidacy.

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Geoff Wesling did not have anything at this time.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

There were no Council members present.

MAIL:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Bever moved to table board appointments until the next meeting, Commissioner Strong seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

QC Communications requested a permit to do work on Veterans Memorial Drive starting approximately February 2nd and lasting approximately five days. Commissioner Strong moved to approve the permits, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Annual contracts with the local Volunteer Fire Departments were presented. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the contracts at an amount of \$42,000, Commissioner Strong seconded the motion, motion carried with 2 votes and Dale Munson abstaining because he serves on Glenwood VFD.

Commissioner Strong explained the request to apply for a LARE Grant in the 2000 block of 150 East. The river is close to encroaching on a county road and properties, and the county is applying for a \$32,000 grant to cover the design and permitting necessary to review and resolve the problem. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the LARE grant application, Commissioner Strong seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Cambria Sparks with the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs presented a handout of the standards of accreditation that were recently updated through Senate Enrolled Act 433. Currently, our Veterans Service Officer Ron Stevens is meeting all the requirements.

Commissioner Strong said DCCM had emailed regarding a project on three mile bridge and wanted to park their equipment at Mahan Park. Commissioner Strong moved to allow the company to use Mahan Park for their equipment during the bridge project, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Lisa Witt appeared as Republican Party Chairwoman. They held a caucus Friday, January 16th, for Orange Township Trustee and had no eligible candidates. Katie Adams, a lifelong Orange Township resident, reached out to Lisa about being appointed by commissioners as Trustee to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Shane Clifford. Commissioner Bever moved to appoint Katie Nobbe Adams as Orange Township Trustee, Commissioner Strong seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

PATRON CONCERNS:

None

PAYROLL AND CLAIMS:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Strong moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bever, motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Dale Munson
Dale Munson, President

Dale H. Strong
Dale Strong

Tracie Bever
Tracie Bever, Vice-President

Jane Downard
Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor