

## FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### Regular Meeting – April 7, 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 Munson, Tracie Bever, and Dale Strong, 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 Bever moved to approve the minutes of March 17<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, Commissioner Strong seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

##### **911:**

Samantha Caldwell presented a proposed contract for RAVE. It is an emergency notification system that integrates into their CAD software which would speed dispatch response and alerts would go out faster. She would like to use RAVE and get rid of CivicPlus. Switching to RAVE would save about \$2,000 annually and take some strain off dispatchers. A five-year contract would be \$40,000. Currently, the City pays half of the CivicPlus contract, and Samantha plans to request they pay half of the RAVE contract costs. The alerts would go out to everyone and not just first responders. Commissioner Strong moved to approve the contract with RAVE, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0. ECS Contract for four-year \$5,250 Bever moved, Strong seconded, motion carried 3-0. She presented a 144 for part-time dispatcher Jacqueline Kelley. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the 144 as presented, Commissioner Strong seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0. The Fayette Community Foundation is doing a First Responder Grant. It is from Lilly Endowment and is a no match grant. They are not sure of the ins and outs yet and the grant won't be open for a couple of months but she wanted to share with commissioners that they had been invited to participate.

##### **IT:**

Michael King presented quotes for a firewall. He would like to stay with the Sonicwall that we have had for a few years. Total cost for three years would be \$8,967.28. He does have the funds in his budget. Commissioner Strong moved to approve the quote as presented, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0.

##### **EMA:**

Wade Walling said he is working on a thing to get the software to upgrade radios. He is asking the various entities to contribute toward the cost.

##### **Highway:**

Chris Getfinger said they are putting culverts in and trying to get ready for the grant funded project. He said there was an employee who broke his foot so he is short a guy probably for all summer. They have been out patching some roads.

##### **Sheriff:**

Zac Jones shared copies of the annual jail report that he'd emailed previously. Report includes housing information, booking statistics, top 10 charges, staffing, transports, overtime, kitchen, medical statistics, programs and services, and maintenance projects. This report does not include the new facility as it didn't open until this year. There are currently 25 in the new facility, and there are 6 on work release.

##### **Probation:**

Ryan Siggers Total cost  
12 FT staff, 8 officers, 4 secretaries Daily average 603 probationers 5,751 appointments 9.23 growth from 2024 most cost efficient adjudication because it currently costs \$42 per day for incarceration.

**Clerk:**

Dawn Hughes shared the early voting started today and will be held in the courthouse daily until May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY:**

Geoff Wesling did not have anything at this time.

**COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:**

No council representative was present.

**MAIL:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Brad Colter of Connersville EDG requested permission to apply for an OCRA Economic Development Planning Grant. The grant would be beneficial to identify areas of focus. Clara Judd now has credentials to do OCRA Grant administration so they are going to try to go through the process with Clara. He has discussed this with Jolissa Bates. Commissioner Strong moved to give EDG permission and encouragement to apply for an OCRA planning grant, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Bid Award for 2026 CCMG. Commissioner Strong moved to approve the award of a contract to Dave O'Mara for \$791,906.13, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0.

A proposed cemetery ordinance was presented. County Attorney Geoff Wesling recommended a public hearing be held due to the fact that fines would be charged for violations. Geoff gave his opinion that the proposed ordinance could affect property owners who have cemeteries on their property. Section 7 intended to expand upon minimum access according to Indiana code. In addition to any rights to family members it would give rights to members of the general public. We want to balance public access with private property rights. The cemetery board is an advisory board for the commissioners. There are cemeteries that are on private property and the cemetery board is trying to establish right-of-ways to some of those cemeteries. Property owners cannot say no one can visit this property, but they can limit the paths and designate dates. Aimee Brumfield said she understood there was a letter sent to John Walters asking him to cease cleaning headstones in Pioneer Cemeteries, and he has ignored that letter. Commissioner Strong asked if we should revise the ordinance language prior to holding a public hearing, and Geoff recommended that we should. Discussion was held if we could stop Mr. Walters from continuing to clean stones. Geoff said we could no trespass him. Commissioner Bever moved to table the proposed ordinance, 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, and motion carried 3-0. Commissioners then signed all paperwork on camera.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Strong moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bever, and motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Dale Munson  
Dale Munson, President

Dale H. Strong  
Dale Strong

Tracie Bever  
Tracie Bever, Vice-President

Jane E. Downard  
Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor