

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – April 21, 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 April 7th regular meeting, Commissioner Strong seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0.

BID OPENING:

Beard Heating and Cooling – bid on 1509 W 7th Street priority 2 \$10,729.85; bid on 802 E 5th Street \$1,710.38; bid on 1427 Conwell priority 1 no bid, priority 2 \$4,609.82.

Bare Bone Electric – bid on 1509 W 7th Street priority 1 \$3,699.20

These bids are on the first three applicants out of thirty.

Commissioner Strong moved to take these bids under advisement and allow Kleinpeter Consulting to review and make a recommendation, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

911:

Samantha Caldwell presented a 144 to hire two part-time dispatchers, Audrey Isaacs and Kelsey Crawford-Morgan. Commissioner Strong moved to approve the 144 as presented, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0.

Highway:

Chris Gettinger presented a 144 to hire Perry Holmlund to replace a vacancy left by the resignation of Michael Carpenter, who is leaving to take a different job. Commissioner Strong moved to approve the 144 as presented, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0.

He said they are finishing up the cans on 350 in preparation for this year's CCMG paving project.

Animal Shelter:

Dave Ryckman presented a 144 to hire Tiffany Ailes for a part-time Animal Warden. Commissioner Strong moved to approve the 144 as presented, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0.

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:

Trisha Dearth-Adkins from Public Transit was present. She is working on the 2027 grant for transportation, and asked commissioners if they were going to contribute the \$20,000 like they have in years past. Commissioner Strong said he would think it is safe to assume that council would support transit and approve the budgeting of \$20,000 as grant match funds.

She shared that they provided 5,894 trips in the first quarter, and 48% of their transportation is to Fayette County. She said there is an opportunity to buy new vehicles next year. A low floor van will cost \$18,000. She said they are getting three new vans this year, and she is going to try to get some additional match funding to purchase more. They currently have 16 vehicles, but two are slated to be disposed of because they are high mileage, have no air conditioning, and the ramps are not functioning.

Commissioner Bever moved to approve Resolution 26-R-2 an Authorizing Resolution designating Whitewater Valley Regional Transit to coordinate and provide 5311 funded rural public transit services within the county, Commissioner Strong seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Strong asked if there has been any more discussion about making a designated route for Fayette County, and she said there has not been any more discussion. She did say they recently made a deviated route for another locality and it cost \$80,000, so they would need an additional funding commitment.

PATRON CONCERNS:

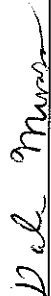
None

PAYROLL AND CLAIMS:

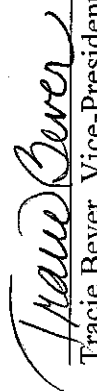
Commissioner Bever moved to approve claims as presented, seconded by Commissioner Strong, and motion carried 3-0. Commissioners then signed all paperwork on camera.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Bever moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Strong, and motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.


Dale Munson, President

Dale Strong


Tracie Bever, Vice-President

Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor