

FAYETTE COUNTY COUNCIL

April 7, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED:

That the Fayette County Council of Fayette County, State of Indiana, met in regular session on the above date at 6:00 p.m. with the following present: Council members Sharon Cranfill, Scott Bevington, Bob Stewart, Gabe Nobbe, Tim Patterson, Kay Riker-Peyton, and Connie Durham along with Auditor Jane Downard and County Attorney Geoff Wesling of said County and State.

President Cranfill called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

MINUTES:

Councilman Patterson moved to approve the minutes from the March 3rd regular meeting, Councilwoman Riker-Peyton seconded the motion, and motion carried 7-0.

MAIL/EMAIL:

None

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

County Attorney Geoff Wesling did not have anything for the board at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

COMMISSIONER REPRESENTATIVE:

Commissioner Munson shared the 911 Director Samantha Caldwell received approval to contract with RAVE at a \$2,000 year savings to replace CivicPlus and approval to renew a maintenance agreement with ECS. She also received approval of a 144 to hire Jacqueline Kelley as a part-time dispatcher. Michael King received permission to renew a firewall contract with Sonic. Brad Colter was given permission to apply for an OCRA Planning Grant. They awarded the bid for the 2026 CCMG. Discussion was held regarding an ordinance for the Cemetery Board related to pioneer cemeteries and that was tabled.

144s:

Michelle Richardson presented a 144 to give raises from grant funds to the Director and Deputy Director in the amount of \$999.96 retroactive to January 1, 2026. Councilwoman Cranfill moved to approve the 144 as presented, some discussion was held about the sustainability of the grant and consequences if the grant was discontinued. Michelle answered she believes the grant is sustainable, and if the grant was not renewed it would mean a cut in staff or salary until she could find other grants. Councilwoman Riker-Peyton seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Stephanie McCurdy was present for a revote on the 144 passed in the March meeting.

Councilwoman Cranfill attended the meeting remotely by phone call. Councilman Patterson moved to approve the 144, Councilwoman Riker-Peyton seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken with the following results: Durham No, Riker-Peyton Yes, Patterson Yes, Nobbe No, Stewart Yes, Bevington No, Cranfill Yes, motion carried 4-3.

Dave Ryckman was present to discuss his staff. Councilman Bevington moved to rescind the previous vote, Councilman Nobbe seconded the motion, a roll call vote was taken with the following results: Durham Yes, Riker-Peyton Yes, Patterson Yes, Nobbe Yes, Stewart Yes, Bevington Yes, Cranfill Yes, motion carried 7-0. Dave requested a full-time employee, or two part-time employees. Councilman Nobbe moved to allow Dave to hire two part-time employees, Councilwoman Riker-Peyton seconded the motion. Councilman Bevington asked what we were going to cut if we do not stick to a hiring freeze. Councilman Nobbe said he sees the Animal Shelter as a public safety issue and we cannot leave Dave on his own. Councilwoman Durham asked what the difference was that we would give a full-time employee to the extension office and not to the Animal Shelter. A roll call vote was taken with the following result: Durham No, Riker-Peyton Yes, Patterson Yes, Nobbe Yes, Stewart Yes, Bevington Yes, Cranfill Yes, and motion carried 6-1.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION:

An Additional Appropriations to LEPC Fund 1152 Account 20290 Other Supplies in the amount of \$520, Account 30210 Public Legal Notices in the amount of \$100, Account 30303 Other Services in the amount of \$605, Account 30014 Programs & Education in the amount of \$275, Account 30203 Internet Service in the amount of \$50, Account 30771 Emergency Notification System in the amount of \$1,025, Account 30970 Service Contracts in the amount of \$25, Account 40400 Equipment in the amount of \$2,800 was presented by Wade Walling. Councilman Nobbe moved to approve the additional appropriation as presented, Councilwoman Riker-Peyton seconded the motion, and motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PATRON CONCERNS:

Karen Whitecotton was present to follow up on a financial contribution made by the Humane Society to the Animal Shelter in 2024. Some discussion was held regarding the condition of the dog housing area and the possibility of grants. Karen asked that the money they donated be moved to a construction fund. Auditor Downard said we could create a new donation fund to be specific for Animal Shelter Construction Donations. It was agreed to table this discussion until next month.

Ryan Siggers presented the 2025 Annual Probation Report. They collected \$43,628 in restitution in 2025. They had a DOC grant of \$130,935 and spent all of it, as well as \$75,270 in user fees. Their overall annual operating cost was \$939,022. They have 12 full-time staff members, 8 probation officers and 4 administrative assistants. They conducted 5,751 appointments with probationers.

Councilwoman Riker-Peyton asked if we had ever signed a new contract for EMS, and Councilwoman Cranfill said no. She asked Sheriff Jones what the current jail population was, and he said it is 85. She asked Auditor Downard about Terri's pay, and it was clarified she is paid from County General partly from Prosecutor and partly from IV-D.

Sunny Ammerman spoke regarding the Animal Shelter. She said what she would like to see is two full-time employees and a part-time employee.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilwoman Riker-Peyton moved to adjourn, Councilwoman Durham seconded the motion, and motion carried 7-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.


Sharon Cranfill, President

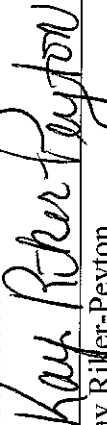

Connie Durham


Tim Patterson


Bob Stewart

Scott Bevington, Vice President


Gabe Nobbe


Kay Riker-Peyton


Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor