

FAYETTE COUNTY COUNCIL

May 6, 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, 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. Scott Bevington was absent.

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

MINUTES:

Councilman Patterson moved to approve the minutes from the April 7th regular meeting, Councilwoman Durham seconded the motion, and motion carried 6-0.

MAIL/EMAIL:

Stephanie McCurdy shared a letter that was received from the Dean of the School of Agriculture and the Director of Extension thanking Fayette County Council for working with and supporting Extension.

Councilwoman Riker-Peyton wanted to be sure council knew to view all videos in the email from the AIC.

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sharon Cranfill - EDA Partnership grant was offering \$70,000 grant with a match of \$46,666. EIRPC approved the grant with the \$46,666 match. They established a budgeting committee and are working on a Brownfield Grant. The meeting was held at the library in Union County. The first meeting of the year was held in the old part of Richmond. They rotate the meetings among the different counties.

Bob Stewart - Area Planning had a meeting and discussed data centers. He talked about the trade-offs for advancement, and said the State is looking into data centers.

Connie Durham – didn't go to the last 911 meeting because it was held during the day. If the meetings will be held during the day going forward, she probably cannot serve on that committee. Connie will reach out to 911 Director Samantha Caldwell.

COMMISSIONER REPRESENTATIVE:

Commissioner Tracie Bever updated what happened today in commissioner meeting. Brad Colter of EDG was present and discussed the resolution done last fall about data centers. Commissioners passed an ordinance putting a moratorium on data centers in place for twelve months. Brad suggested an impact study be done. Bill MacDaniel also presented an ordinance to amend the zoning code and it was passed. A 144 was approved for 911 to hire two part-time dispatchers; she also moved a part-time employee into a recently vacated full-time position. They approved a quote from Powells Plumbing for a water softener. Commissioners agreed to replace an air handling unit at the annex building. Commissioners approved a 144 for Maintenance to hire a part-time custodian to work 10-12 hours per week. There will be a vacancy on the Library Board and commissioners have asked anyone who is interested to let them know. Commissioner Bever shared that the Amish community contributed a total of \$5,405 to the wheel tax fund in lieu of licensing buggies. Tracie shared a directory that the Amish had created that shows their families and residences. Councilwoman Riker-Peyton asked if Tracie knew of any updates on Manlove Park, and Tracie said she did not have any updates.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS:

An Additional Appropriation to Cumulative Bridge Fund 1135 Account 60650 Bridge #65 in the amount of \$100,000 was presented by Surveyor Bill Macke. This is for Nulltown Bridge. The bridge will get a concrete overlay and some other maintenance. Commissioners are going to

allow the 2027 Community Crossings Grant application be used for this bridge. If we are awarded the grant in 2027 the work should be done in 2028. Councilwoman Durham moved to approve the additional as presented, Councilman Patterson seconded the motion, and motion carried 6-0.

144s:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion was held at the last council meeting about creating a specific fund for donations towards a new building at the Animal Shelter. Councilman Nobbe moved to create a new fund for that purpose, Councilman Patterson seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

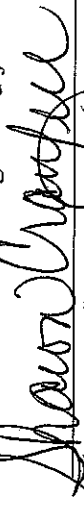
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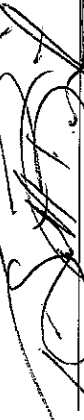
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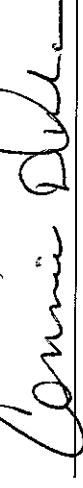
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ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Stewart moved to adjourn, Councilwoman Durham seconded the motion, and motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

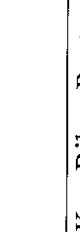

Sharon Cranfill, President


Scott Bevington, Vice President


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Bob Stewart


Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor