

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting –July 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 June 16th regular meeting, Commissioner Strong seconded the motion, and motion carried 3 -0.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

ASSESSOR:

Jeff Coleman requested permission to purchase door hangers for the next four-year assessment cycle. He attempted to get three quotes. Blue Moon, who did them the last time, no longer does this work, so he approached two other companies. Of those, he is requesting permission to purchase from CPS, which is a little higher quote but they gave a proof copy. The final cost would be \$2,608.02. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the purchase of 10,000 door hangers, Commissioner Strong seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0.

Jeff requested permission to hire Bradley Conover, a high school student who would spend the rest of the summer interning as a reassessment clerk. Commissioner Strong moved to approve the 144 as presented, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0.

TREASURER:

Jamie Durham requested permission to hire a full-time first deputy and a seasonal part-time employee. Because he is reducing the hours needed for the part-time employee, he cut his budget by 15%. Commissioner Strong moved to approve the 144 request for the treasurer's office as presented pending council approval, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Wade Walling requested permission to apply for FFY2026 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) for the Enduring Needs Grant and the National Priority Grant. For the National Priority Grant, he wants to request severe weather sirens to place at Glenwood, Bentonville, and Everton for now and eventually request an additional 3 or 4 more for Columbia, Waterloo, and Alquina. For the Enduring Needs, last year commissioners approved his applying for courthouse security and for a truck to haul the incident command trailer and there is still a chance that funding could be approved. He would like to apply for a truck again in this year's grant cycle. Commissioner Strong moved to approve the application for these grants, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0.

Wade presented a quote from Mapping Solutions for 150 road maps at a total cost of \$3,045. Commissioners approved him proceeding with ordering the maps.

Wade had emailed commissioners three quotes for the TITLE VI -ADA and the TITLE VI -ADA Compliance Master Comparison Matrix. He recommended commissioners approve the quote from USI, who presented the most predictable and cost effective quote. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the contract with USI as presented, Commissioner Strong seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

ANIMAL SHELTER:

Dave Ryckman presented a 144 to hire Kerissa Bramer as a part-time employee. Commissioner Strong moved to approve the 144 as presented, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0.

SOIL AND WATER:

Rebecca St. Clair requested a letter of support from commissioners for their grant application to Clean Water Indiana. Commissioner Strong moved to approve the letter of support and recommendation, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0.

PROBATION:

Ryan Siggers requested commissioners sign a Memorandum of Understanding for the TRECS program to begin intercepting state tax refunds for delinquent probation fees. Commissioner Bever moved to approve signing the MOU for TRECS, Commissioner Strong seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

EXTENSION:

Stephanie McCurdy and Becky Marvel were present. Stephanie talked about what an exciting time of year it is with the Fair coming up and other programs going on. Becky has recently been appointed the Regional Operations Leader for Purdue Cooperative Extension and explained the transitions taking place in Extension. Fayette County will be part of Region 7 which is a 9 county region. This will give Fayette County access to almost 20 educators specializing in several different areas.

HIGHWAY:

Chris Gettinger said the City recently paved 12th Street out toward the golf course... They did some berming yesterday. They have rented a crack filling machine and plan to do what they can in the next couple of weeks to fill cracks. The can for 750 W came in yesterday and they plan to get it in next week.

IT:

Michael King presented quotes to purchase computers. He requested permission to purchase two computers for dispatch at a total cost of \$1,799.98. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the purchase as requested, Commissioner Strong seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0.

Michael will go ahead and purchase a new sound board for this meeting room. The current one died right at the beginning of this meeting.

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:

Commissioner Strong shared that our insurance provider is requiring an appraisal of the courthouse. After making inquiries, he determined that Matt Nepote out of Richmond was qualified and had recently appraised both Union County and Rush County courthouses for the same purpose. Commissioner Strong moved to approve the quote from Matt Nepote, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Missy Kavanaugh and Matt Sherck were present from the Health Department. Missy requested permission to use the courthouse rear parking area on 9/19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for their Annual Health Fair. Commissioner Strong moved to approve the use of the parking area for that purpose on that date, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, and motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bever moved to approve Chris Gettinger as the ERC and Bridge Coordinator for the County, 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 2:56 p.m.

Dale Munson

Dale Munson, President

Dale H. Strong

Dale Strong

Tracie Bever

Tracie Bever, Vice-President

Jane Downard

Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor