

FAYETTE COUNTY COUNCIL

June 2, 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 Nobbe, Gabe Nobbe, Tim Patterson, and Connie Durham along with Auditor Jane Downard and County Attorney Geoff Wesling of said County and State. Council member Kay Riker-Peyton was absent.

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

MINUTES:

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

MAIL/EMAIL:

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Nobbe shared that the Budget and Finance Committee met last Thursday. One of the recommendations they had was for the Budget and Finance Committee to meet with department heads then the committee would meet with Council rather than scheduling two days for department heads to present their budgets. Discussion was held that council would ask department heads to make cuts in their budget rather than council cutting their budgets for them if reductions needed made. Councilwoman Cranfill shared that council was going to request departments cut their initial budget requests by 15%. Councilman Nobbe moved that we begin the new budget procedure, Councilman Bevington seconded the motion, and motion carried 6-0.

Councilwoman Durham said the next 911 Advisory Board meeting will be an evening meeting so she will be able to attend.

COMMISSIONER REPRESENTATIVE:

Commissioner Munson gave an update on today's meeting. Two 144s were approved, Ella Poe as a Reassessment Clerk in the Assessor's Office and Addison Jones as a Preservationist in the Recorder's Office. Department Head appointments were made with reappointments made for Samantha Caldwell as 911 Director, Dave Ryckman as Animal Shelter Director, Wade Walling as EMA Director, Chris Gettinger as Highway Director, Michael King as IT Director, and Josh Jarboe as Maintenance Director. Chuck Whallon was appointed as Veteran Service Officer, and Bill MacDaniel was reappointed through December 31st of this year as Area Plan Director. Jarrod McGlothen was appointed to the Library Board. They approved some projects for QC Communications.

144s:

Treasurer Jamie Durham shared that he had made some staffing changes in his office and will be replacing his part-time employee and his chief deputy. He has requested permission to hire Nycole Dare as his part-time employee, and said she has banking experience which he thinks will be a plus. Councilman Patterson moved to approve the 144 as presented. Discussion was held. Councilman Nobbe explained the purpose of the hiring freeze was to reduce staff and the way to do that is through attrition. Motion died for lack of a second. Hiring two part-time employees was discussed as a way to save money. The treasurer is going to seek some clarification from the state about the deputy position and come to a future meeting.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS:

Area Plan Director Bill MacDaniel presented an Additional Appropriation to County General Fund 1000 Area Plan Account 10112 Assistant Director in the amount of \$25,850. Bill is retiring at year-end and wants to hire and begin training a replacement now. Discussion was held. Councilwoman Cranfill moved to approve the additional appropriation as requested. Motion died for lack of a second.

An Additional Appropriation to Opioid Unrestricted Fund 1238 Account 30200 Contractual Services in the amount of \$13,760.83 and an Additional Appropriation to Opioid Restricted Fund 1237 Account 30200 Contractual Services in the amount of \$64,058.74 was presented. Councilman Nobbe moved to approve the additional appropriations as presented, Councilman Bevington seconded the motion, and motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Sheriff Zac Jones presented his quarterly commissary report. He also shared that the Sheriff's Department had retired two vehicles for commissioners to be able to give to other departments.

PATRON CONCERNS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Nobbe moved to adjourn, Councilman Bevington seconded the motion, and motion carried 6-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.


Sharon Cranfill, President


Connie Durham

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Tim Patterson

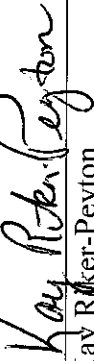

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Scott Bevington, Vice President


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