FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting –August 18, 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 Tracie Bever and Dale Strong, and First Deputy Auditor Haylee Weston and County Attorney Geoff Wesling of said County and State. Commissioner Dale Munson was absent.

Commissioner Bever called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

MINUTES:
Commissioner Strong moved to approve the minutes of August 4th regular meeting, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, and motion carried 2-0.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER:
Steven Andrews presented with Chuck Whallon giving a bi annual commissioners updated from the IDVA.

RECORDER:
Lisa Witt was unable to be present. She requested permission to apply for a mini grant through the Fayette Foundation to assist in the binding of record books.

Commissioner Strong moved to approve for the Recorder to apply for the mini grant through the foundation, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, and motion carried 2-0.

911:
Samantha Caldwell shared that 911 did receive the first responder grant. The plan is to get new head sets, headset ports, back up portable 911 phones, and extra monitor space.

Samantha Caldwell shared an overview of the flood from 911.

SHERIFF:
Sheriff Zac Jones shared that there was one truck destroyed in the flood. He stated that when flooding started over the bypass a deputy was sent to Nulltown Bridge to check on citizens. The truck made it halfway through 480 S and died, DNR had to come and get the deputy out.

EMA:
Wade Walling requested that the Auditor sign the Local Disaster Relief Ordinance 2026-05.Wade also requested that Ordinance 2026-05 to be extended for an additional 7 days.

Commissioner Strong made a motion to approve ordinance 2026-05 Declaration of Emergency Disaster, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, and Motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Strong made a motion to extend ordinance 2026-05 for an additional 7 days, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, and motion carried 2-0.

Wade Walling presented with incident commander, Amir Musavi as well as Gavin Hener from IDHS giving an update on the flood in Fayette County.

COUNTY ATTORNEY:
Geoff Wesling did not have anything at this time.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:
Councilman Scott Bevington was present.

MAIL:
None

OLD BUSINESS:
None

NEW BUSINESS:

CCMG Call for 2027 Projects

Dale Strong shared that commissioners need to get with Butler Fairman to decide which roads need to be entered as soon as possible.

Settlement Approval for Brown

Dale Strong made a motion to approve the Jones and Brown insurance settlement, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, and motion carried 2-0.

Flood Disaster Days for Employees

Because the courthouse was closed three days last week, and employees were unable to work, Council President Sharon Cranfill proposed full-time employees be given 3 disaster days and part-time employees be given the pay missed from scheduled hours that fell during the closure. Council approved contingent on Commissioners approval.

Commissioner Strong moved to approve 3 flood disaster days for employees as recommended by council, seconded by Commissioner Bever, and motion carried 2-0.

PATRON CONCERNS:
None

PAYROLL AND CLAIMS:
Commissioner Strong moved to approve claims as presented, seconded by Commissioner Bever, and motion carried 2-0. Commissioners then signed all paperwork on camera.

ADJOURNMENT:
Commissioner Strong moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bever, and motion carried 2-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Dale Munson, President

Tradie Bever, Vice-President

Dale Strong

Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor