

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – March 19, 2024

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 Strong, Dale Munson, and Tracie Bever and Auditor Jane Downard and County Attorney Geoff Wesling of said County and State.

Commissioner Strong called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing was advertised for Ordinance 2024-03 amending 2021-08 pertaining to building permit fees. Commissioner Strong opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone from the audience that wanted to comment on the proposed ordinance. No one present had any questions. Commissioner Munson said he believes the ordinance will bring the fees closer with the county's costs. Commissioner Strong said the square footage of actual projects in the main multiplier on these types of projects, and through the research that Bill MacDaniel has done this puts us more in line with the majority of counties in Indiana. Commissioner Munson moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bever moved to approve Ordinance 2024-03 for the revised fee schedule, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Munson moved to approve the minutes of March 5th regular meeting, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Matt Sherck and Melissa Kavanaugh proposed a Health Fair and want to coordinate it on the first day of the Farmers Market this year which they believe is June 1st. They requested permission to use the county's part of the parking lot from 9 to 12 that day. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the Health Fair for June 1st from 9 to 12, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

911:

Kelly VanMeter presented quotes to purchase new headsets. She wants to purchase 15 new headsets so each dispatcher can be assigned their own headset and no one would need to share. Commissioner Bever moved to purchase 15 headsets from Southern Computer Warehouse of Marietta, Georgia, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Jay Halveland went to Franklin County and talked to the boss there and he said they will be detouring people on Bentley Road when the construction on State Road 1 near Blooming Grove resumes. Bentley Road and Everton Road are both in good shape, and all we would have to do is put up some detour signs. According to Franklin County, the State will start construction in September and should finish in November.

He submitted a 144 to hire Charles Orschell again as part-time truck driver and equipment operator for the summer. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the hire of Charles Orschell, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Jay shared photos on 440 N of an area that needs to be cleaned up including several tires. He also submitted some invoices for tire disposal. Commissioners questioned whether the tires were in the right-of-way or on private property. Commissioners asked Surveyor Bill Macke to check the right-of-way boundaries and he said he would. Commissioner Munson said he thinks we should clean it up, but that we should wait to see where the right-of-way is. Jay thinks we should put up

something so people can't easily dump there. Commissioner Strong said he sympathizes with McDivitt's but we cannot be responsible for private property.

Jay had previously brought to the attention of commissioners that there is an individual camping at Mahan Park. Commissioners agreed they do not want permanent camping there, and Sheriff Jones agreed to have someone go speak to the camper. Jay agreed to post no camping signs.

Commissioner Bever asked about the lease program discussed at a prior meeting and Jay said he expected to hear from them at the first of the month. She also asked about the proposed chip sealing contract presented at the last meeting and he said that gentleman had not gotten back to him yet.

SHERIFF:

Zac Jones said they would have their new vehicle going soon and would be able to donate their old truck to the Maintenance Department.

He presented a quote to get 15 Kenwood dual-band mobile radios at a total cost of \$42,141 to be paid for from a JAG grant we recently received. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the purchase as outlined, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

He said he's been told we are three months out from the opening of the Women's Work Release and Jail Annex, and he requested permission to begin hiring and training employees so he will be ready to go when the facility opens. Commissioner Munson moved to allow the sheriff to begin the hiring process in preparation for the facility opening, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Geoff Wesling did not have anything at this time.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

No council member was present.

MAIL:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Bever asked about the memorial bench for Mark Nobbe, and Commissioner Strong explained that our maintenance supervisor has been out sick but that it would be installed as soon as possible.

Commissioner Strong said that Recorder Lisa Witt had asked him about the job description for the scanning and preservation clerk, and that he explained they were not ready to finalize a job description at this time. Commissioners agreed they would try to have a final version to approve at the next meeting.

Commissioners discussed the proposed contract between Purdue University and the county for the Mesonet weather station. It was agreed that we would not sign a contract until we received notification of receiving the BRIC Grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PATRON CONCERNS:

None

PAYROLL AND CLAIMS:

Commissioner Munson moved to approve claims as presented, seconded by Commissioner Bever, motion carried 3-0. Commissioners then signed all paperwork on camera.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Munson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bever, motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.


Dale Strong, President


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