

FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – May 8, 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.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Munson moved to approve the minutes of April 16th regular meeting, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

PUBLIC TRANSIT:

Lonnie Pollitt of Public Transit was present as well as Jolissa Bates and Trisha Dearth-Adkins of Union County Public Transit. Jolissa explained that it was time to reapply for 5311/5339 Public Transit Grant Funds, but this year's version is a little different because we are becoming a regional transit system and partnering with Union County. We will be requesting a total grant of \$283,314 in federal share and \$94,637 in state share. They will also be requesting \$113,600 in federal dollars to replace mini vans. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the application for the grant and to allow Union County to be the main applicant, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Munson moved to approve Resolution 24-R-2, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, which authorizes Union County to enter into an agreement with INDOT for the provision of regionalized rural public transportation services within rural Wayne County, Fayette County, and Union County, motion carried 3-0.

MAINTENANCE:

Josh Jarboe presented a 144 to hire Gavin McGlothen as a part-time maintenance employee during the summer. We will be partnering with the Career Center, and Gavin will be getting credit for learning. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the 144 for Gavin McGlothen, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Josh gave an update on the situation regarding the dumpsters and canceling the contracts with Rumpke and Waste Management. He said the representative from Rumpke is claiming there is a current contract and we were supposed to give at minimum a 60-day notice, but he has not given us a copy of the contract yet.

911:

Kelly VanMeter submitted a 144 to hire Tyler Burgis as a part-time dispatcher. He has been doing private entity dispatching and also works on EMS in Ohio. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the 144 as submitted, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Matt Sherck had previously sent quotes and other information to commissioners regarding replacing their vaccine freezers, and they have received a grant to be used for that purpose. He would like permission to accept the grant and proceed with the purchases. Helmer is who they currently use, and they have had good luck with their products. They will need some electrical work done, and he has already spoken to Josh about that. Commissioner Bever moved to approve the acceptance of the quote from Kevin Cloyd and the acceptance of the grant funds, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0. They have kept previous equipment as a backup, but he will have extras once the new ones are received and said the commissioners could dispose of those extras in their next auction.

ANIMAL SHELTER:

Dave Ryckman presented three quotes to have the new flooring done in the new building. Combs is willing to donate their labor, so their quote was considerably less than the other two.

Commissioner Bever moved to approve the quote from Combs Custom Floors of Connersville for \$8,500 and say thank you for donating their labor, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

VSO:

Ron Stevens said his office has been running fast and hard. He wanted to speak on Cord Coyle, and said he worked with him. He cannot begin to say what a loss for this community, this city, and this county. He plans to get a memorial brick made for the memorial area in front of the courthouse.

He also said he would like to work with the Sheriff's Department on getting a vehicle from them to use for transporting veterans to and from appointments.

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Geoff Wesling did not have anything at this time.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

Council member was present but did not have anything for the board.

MAIL:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Munson moved to sign the Advertisement to Bid for the 2024-1 Road Resurfacing Projects, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioners received a notice from DLZ requesting an additional \$43,200 for the delay in construction as well as a \$4,800 per month cost going forward. Thor Construction believes that DLZ should shoulder some of the blame for the delays due to them changing the handling of the roof. Commissioner Strong requested from DLZ's Scott Carnegie that he outline what additional hardships have been caused by the delay in completion, and Mr. Carnegie said that would be hard to do. Commissioners agreed to invite all parties to a sit down meeting. Commissioner Bever moved to table DLZ's request until such a meeting has taken place, Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Strong discussed the barricades in place on State Road 1 because of the construction in Brookville. They are a traffic hazard, and are 19 miles from the actual road closure. Commissioner Munson moved to have Commissioner Strong contact the Indiana Department of Transportation and complain about the barriers on the east side of town and in Everton, Commissioner Bever seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bever recognized the death of Michael Willhelm and wanted to give sympathy to his family.

PATRON CONCERNS:

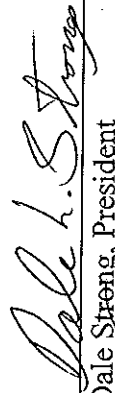
None

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 2:59 p.m.


Dale Strong, President


Tracie Bever


Dale Munson, Vice-President


Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor