

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

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Dale Munson moved to approve the minutes of June 4th regular meeting, Commissioner Dale Strong seconded the motion, motion carried 2-0.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

EMA Director Wade Walling presented a Mutual Aid Agreement and requested approval to submit. He shared that once the Mutual Aid Agreement is complete he would be providing a copy to the Commissioners. County Attorney Geoff Wesling shared that he did not have any issues with approving at this time. Commissioner Dale Munson moved to approve and sign the mutual aid agreement for EMA district 6, Commissioner Dale Strong seconded the motion, motion carried 2-0.

EMA director Wade Walling shared that an issue was ran into when applying for the Community Foundation Grant. He shared that both EMA as well as the Sheriff's Department applied for the same grant, using the same tax ID number. Jolissa Bates had suggested to Wade that he inquire about EMA applying for a unique tax ID number in hopes to avoid this issue happening again in the future.

EMA director Wade Walling expressed concern with ordinance 90-10 being outdated. He shared that EMA is not a member of the 911 board according to the ordinance, and he would like to have the ordinance updated to include his department on the 911 board. Commissioner Dale Strong requested written suggestion to be provided to both the Commissioners and County Attorney Geoff Wesling so that they could look over this request. Wade shared that he was looking at only having the board members updated on the ordinance at this time.

EMA director Wade Walling publically thanked Duke Energy for the \$4,500 grant that they provided in order to buy equipment for both the Sheriff's Department and the EMA department.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Highway director Jay Halveland shared that 300 S is now complete.

Highway director Jay Halveland shared that the brush cutter was broken again. Jay shared that there is a pin on the bottom of the brush cutter that has been replaced twice now, it is broken again. He said that they can temporarily fix it with another pin, but long term they will need a different solution.

Commissioner Dale Strong asked if 450 W is ready to be re-paved. Highway director Jay Halveland shared that it is ready to be started.

Commissioner Dale Munson shared that he had spoken with a Rush County Commissioner about trying to lease an oil truck. Rush County said that they would get back with him.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Zac Jones thanked EMA director Wade Walling for the grant that he applied for. Sheriff Zac Jones shared that this grant was able to get Dan Becker, member of the SWAT team, new gear that he did not have before. Now, the SWAT team has 5 fully equipped Sheriff Officer members compared to Connersville City Police who has 10 members.

Sheriff Zac Jones shared that he received a phone call requesting that he put in for The Foundation Grant. The purpose of applying for this grant is to help offset the cost for the padded cell at the Jail.

Sheriff Zac Jones shared that the mobile radios have arrived and are slowly being put into the vehicles. The Sheriff's Department received 15 new radios, all paid for by the JAG grant. Once completed, this will ensure a mobile radio is in every Sheriff vehicle moving forward.

Commissioner Dale Strong shared that they recently signed an agreement to extend the completion date on the Jail Annex and Women's Work Release facility to August 30th. Commissioner Dale Strong encouraged Sheriff Zac Jones to be thinking of staffing for the new facility. Sheriff Zac Jones shared that they have been trying to get people hired and trained up in preparation for the new facility, but turnover has been very high and it is hard to get people hired long term.

MAINTENANCE:

Maintenance director Josh Jarboe shared that they have been trimming the trees back. Josh Jarboe shared that the trees were trimmed back too far and that now the trees need removed all together.

Maintenance director Josh Jarboe also shared that there had been recent concerns brought to his attention regarding maintenance issues inside the jail, courthouse, and PH levels in the heating and cooling system. Josh shared that based on his research he is not finding any regulations or requirements for needing to test PH systems. He expressed that he was unsure what these expressed concerns regarding PH testing were about based on the research he had done. Josh Jarboe shared that the purpose of putting in a bypass filter system was to help prepare for chemical testing as well as eliminate unnecessary spending in the future.

Maintenance director Josh Jarboe shared an update regarding the jail locks, doors, and windows. Josh Jarboe shared that the locks currently work, and all have working components. Josh Jarboe shared that he has 20 windows that are ready to be installed. He shared his plans in waiting for the Women's facility to be complete so that he can work through one block at a time, empty, replacing windows in order to be as efficient as possible. Josh Jarboe shared that they have switched to using lexan windows in hopes that the inmates will be unable to break windows in the future.

Maintenance director Josh Jarboe shared that there were some concerns expressed to him regarding annex building. Josh received a quote for flooring recently. Josh Jarboe also shared that the upstairs bathroom at the annex was given a "face lift" to get some of the issues fixed and overall looking more presentable.

Maintenance director Josh Jarboe shared that he is still working on transitioning the Courthouse to LED lights. The goal with this transition is to be more efficient and to save the county money.

Maintenance director Josh Jarboe shared that the next project he plans to work is getting the front end of the Courthouse, on the Central side of the Courthouse, cleaned up. He plans to fix concrete and paint.

Maintenance director Josh Jarboe shared that while he recognizes appearance is important, he has to make certain things a priority and he is continuously working hard to make sure he is efficient in what he does.

COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Geoff Wesling did not have anything at this time.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE:

There were no Council members present.

MAIL:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Insurance Renewal- Commissioner Dale Strong shared that we received notification from Wilson Lawson Myer on Auto, Property, Liability, and Law Enforcement Liability being up for renewal. Commissioner Dale Strong stated that these policies will expire prior to the next Commissioner meeting and have a renewal date of July 1. Commissioner Dale Munson moved to approve the new insurance renewal rates for Auto, Property, Liability, and Law Enforcement Liability, Commissioner Dale Strong seconded the motion, motion carried 2-0.

Diana Phillips, member of The Chamber of Commerce, shared that the annual Chamber Banquet and Awards is scheduled for Tuesday, September 7th. Diana Phillips is requesting permission to use the counties portion of the Courthouse parking lot for the day. Commissioner Dale Munson moved to give the Chamber of Commerce access to the county portion of the parking lot for Tuesday, September 7th, Commissioner Dale Strong seconded the motion, motion carried 2-0.

Notification of Contractor Award & Request for CCMG Funds - Agreement with Dave O'Mara. Commissioner Dale Munson moved to approve the contract award for INDOT as well as the contract agreement with Dave O'Mara, Commissioner Dale Strong seconded the motion, motion carried 2-0.

PATRON CONCERNS:

None

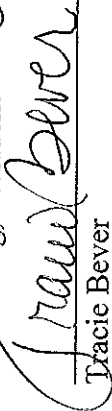
PAYROLL AND CLAIMS:

Commissioner Dale Munson moved to approve claims as presented, seconded by Commissioner Dale Strong, motion carried 2-0. Commissioners then signed all paperwork on camera.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Dale Munson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Dale Strong, motion carried 2-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.


Dale Strong, President


Tracie Bever


Dale Munson, Vice-President


Attest: Jane Downard, Auditor