

## **COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 10, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by President, Jonathan T. Myers.

### **A. Call the Meeting to Order**

#### **1. Roll Call**

The following members were present: Pamela Burton, John Mallers, Ron Deer, John Myers, and John Ditmars. Melinda Griesemer was absent.

#### **2. Invocation**

Mrs. Burton gave the invocation.

#### **3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **4. Approval of the 4/10/2023 Agenda**

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers noted item C6 (*transfer request from WIC*) has been withdrawn from the agenda.

Mr. Deer moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### **5. Public Comments (*limited to 5 minutes per person*)**

Kevin Walls, Commissioner, was present to give an update on the damages sustained from the recent tornados that came through Johnson County. He stated there was a total of 203 homes and businesses that were affected by the tornado, with 17 of these being completely destroyed. He noted the phenomenal work of multiple entities and volunteers to begin the process of the long term recovery plan.

Stephanie Sighting, EMA Director, was also present to discuss the recent events following the tornados. She expressed sincere thanks for the help from neighboring communities and hours of efforts put in to begin clean up and assistance to those effected.

The Council thanked both the Commissioners and Ms. Sighting for all of their pre-planning and in-action efforts. The Council also thanked the multiple entities and citizens helping with the recovery process.

### **B. Routine Matters – Consent Agenda**

*By a single motion, the Board approves the following items, which may include Salary Ordinance Amendments, Additional Appropriations, Reductions, and Transfers. Any items listed on the consent agenda may be removed by a Council member and moved to the regular agenda.*

Mr. John Myers moved to approve the following requests as presented. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#### **1. Approval of 3/13/23 Regular Meeting Minutes**

#### **2. Local Health Dept Trust Acct (#1206)**

(a) AA: 1206.35002.00000.0463	Advertising ( <i>new</i> )	\$	8,950.00
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#### **3. Grants Awarded/Non-Governmental [EMA] (#4300-127)**

(a) AA: 4300.44100.00000.0127	Misc. Equipment	\$	2,363.43
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#### **4. Community Corrections API (#1122)**

(a) AA: 1122.31000.00000.0209	Professional Services	\$	2,500.00
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5. Supplemental Adult Prob Srvs (#2101)
  - (a) AA: 2101.31000.00000.0297 Professional Services \$ 4,288.00
  - (b) AA: 2101.31000.00000.0297 Professional Services \$ 4,288.00
6. Cumulative Capital Development (#1138-206)
  - (a) AA: 1138.49307.00000.0206 Bridge 85 \$ 309,200.00
  - (b) AA: 1138.49308.00000.0206 Bridge 103 \$ 64,509.00
  - (c) AA: 1138.49309.00000.0206 Bridge 206 \$ 127,764.00
  - (d) AA: 1138.49310.00000.0206 Bridge 56 \$ 59,360.00
7. 20.205 Clark School E 2002991 (#8256)
  - (a) AA: 8256.49211.00000.0201 Clark School E \$ 128,126.40
8. Local Road and Street (#1169)
  - (a) AA: 1169.49211.00000.0201 Clark School E \$ 32,031.60
9. 20.205 Bridge 56 Des 2101686 (#8257)
  - (a) AA: 8257.49310.00000.0206 Bridge 56 \$ 237,440.00
10. 20.205 Bridge 103 Des 2002993 (#8255)
  - (a) AA: 8255.49308.00000.0206 Bridge 103 \$ 223,200.00
11. Community Crossing Grant 22/23 (#9148)
  - (a) AA: 9148.46001.00000.0201 Asphalt/Concrete/Aggregates \$ 1,000,000.00

### **C. Salary Ordinance Amendments, Additional Appropriations, Reductions and Transfers:**

#### **1. Inkeepers Tax Collections (#7304)**

Ken Kosky, Tourism Director, was present to provide information and an annual update about the tourism in Johnson County. Mr. John Wales, current board member, was present as well.

Mr. Deer moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

(1a) AA: 7304.31601.00000.1127 Operating Expenses \$ 245,855.00

Mr. Kosky also inquired if any Council member would like to be a liaison for him, he would welcome it.

#### **2. County Health (#1159)**

There was no one present from the Health Department to present this request. Adam Gadberry, County Attorney, explained what had happened regarding the rent and utilities, causing the need for the appropriations being requested.

Mr. Ditmars moved to approve the requests as presented. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

(2a) AA: 1159.32400.00000.0210 Utilities \$ 41,000.00



(2b) AA: 1159.35001.00000.0210	Lease Payments/Agreements (new)	\$ 900.00
(2c) AA: 1159.37200.00000.0210	Office Rent	\$ 44,474.49

### 3. Probation/Unified (#1001-0138)

Shena Johnson, Court Administrator, was present to request approval of a title change to uphold consistency within the new department.

Mr. John Myers moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

(3a) 1001.16923.00000.0138 – Probation Officer change title to “Probation Officer/CIT Deputy 3”

### 4. Community Corrections API (#1122)

### 5. LIT Correctional/Rehab Facility (#1233)

Steve Kermode, Assistant Director of Community Corrections, was present to request approval for a reduction of salary for a position that is not being utilized and use the funds to create another Correctional Officer to provide services within the Work Release program.

Mr. Deer moved to approve items C4 and C5 as presented. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

(4a) Reduction: 1122.11559.00000.0209 Computer/Stats Admin	\$ (46,475.00)
(5a) AA: 1233.12613.00000.0159 Correctional Officer (6)	\$ 30,575.00
(annual salary of \$44,164; max bi weekly pay of \$1,698.62)	

### 6. 10.557 WIC Program 2022-2023 (#8201)

This item was withdrawn.

<del>(a) From: 8201.31000.00000.0215 Professional Services</del>	<del>\$ (33,175.00)</del>
<del>To: 8201.14400.00000.0215 Emp Group Health Insurance</del>	<del>\$ 5,800.00</del>
<del>To: 8201.13202.00000.0215 Registered Dietician (new)</del>	<del>\$ 27,375.00</del>
<del>(annual salary of \$56,635; max bi-weekly pay of \$2,190.00)</del>	

### 7. Recorders Records Perpet (#1189)

Teresa Petro, Recorder, was present to request approval for a change in salary for the current filled positions in her department. She also explained the current restructuring happening within the department. Discussion was held regarding the appropriate time to make changes to salaries.

Mr. Deer moved to approve the request as presented. The motion died due to lack of a second.

(a) From: 1189.13402.00000.0277 Deputy Recorder	<del>\$ (1,660.00)</del>
To: 1189.13401.00000.0277 Deputy Recorder	<del>\$ 1,660.00</del>
(annual salary increase from \$44,415 to \$46,511; max bi-weekly pay of \$1,788.88 – retro to 2/9/2023)	
(b) From: 1189.13404.00000.0277 Deputy Recorder	<del>\$ (2,106.00)</del>
To: 1189.11201.00000.0277 First Deputy	<del>\$ 2,106.00</del>
(annual salary increase from \$56,635 to \$58,731; max bi-weekly pay of \$2,258.88 – retro to 1/3/2023)	
(c) 1189.13402.00000.0277 – Deputy Recorder – decrease annual salary from \$43,526 to \$41,199; max bi-weekly pay of \$1,584.57	
(d) 1189.13404.00000.0277 – Deputy Recorder – decrease annual salary from \$41,199 to \$39,093; max bi-weekly pay of \$1,503.58	

The Council collectively expressed waiting until budget time to request these changes.

**D. Other Business**

1. Johnson County Redevelopment Commission 2022 Annual Report

Per statutory requirement, the Johnson County Redevelopment Commission 2022 Annual Report was given to the Council for review.

Mr. Ditmars moved to approve the report as presented. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**E. Old & New Business**

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers requested discussion regarding moving forward with Waggoner, Irwin and Scheele for job description changes.

Amy Thompson, First Deputy Auditor, explained there has been discussion regarding hiring an employee to manage the data for salaries and be a supportive role for the Council to utilize this data.

Andy Barnhart, Chief Deputy Sheriff, was present to offer an insight about the process to set salaries. He suggested the Council set a range for salaries based on position classification and allowing the Elected Officials and Department Heads to set the salary based on the employee in the position and their experience and work load.

Discussion was held regarding the steps required for creating a process to make salary and position changes.

**F. Adjournment** – *Next regular meeting May 8, 2023*

There being no further business, Mr. John Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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**Pamela Burton, Council Member**

  
**John Mellers, Council Member**  
**Ron Deer, Council Member**  
**Jonathan T. Myers, Council Member**

*absent*

  
**Melinda Griesemer, Council Member**  
**John Myers, Council Member**  
**John Ditmars, Council Member**

**Attest:**

  
**Elizabeth A. Alvey, Johnson County Auditor**