

COUNCILS' SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH COMMISSIONERS – MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Pamela Burton.

Roll Call

The following Council members were present: Pamela J. Burton, Ron Deer, John Myers, Jonathan T. Myers, John Ditmars, John Mallers, and Melinda Griesemer.

The following Commissioners were present: Brian Baird and Ron West; Kevin Walls was absent.

Presentation from Health Department Regarding Proposed Fund Budget

Betsy Swearingen, Director, was present to discuss the proposed budget for funds from the Indiana Health First Fund. She thanked everyone for the opportunity to discuss this budget and the many programs that can be provided. She noted this proposal was a group effort between Dr. Jeff Qualls, Health Officer, Lisa Brown, Director of Nursing, and Jayci Miller, Health Educator.

Mrs. Swearingen then presented an estimate of the breakdown of the possible funding from the Indiana Health First Fund. She highlighted different programs that can be developed with the funding and noted the autonomy and flexibility of the funding.

Discussion on Opting Into the Indiana Health First Fund

Mr. West stated the presentation was comprehensive and seemed to meet the 60/40 requirement.

Brief discussion was held regarding using some of the funding to partner with area departments to help with programming in smaller counties or other entities within Johnson County.

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers supported the use of some funding for mental health efforts in Johnson County.

Discussion was held regarding the accountability for the use of the funds and the proper channels of approval should the County opt into the funding.

The Commissioners and Council thanked Mrs. Swearingen and her team for their presentation.

Mr. Baird suggested tabling the vote until the next regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting to allow for a unanimous vote from the Commissioners.

The Council expressed support of the presentation and to work together regarding the funding in the future if Johnson County opts into the funding.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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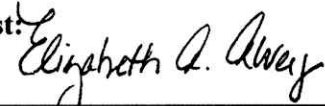


John Myers, Council Member



John Ditmars, Council Member

absent

Attest: 

Elizabeth A. Alvey, Johnson County Auditor