

COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Brian Baird at 10:00a.m. Kevin Walls and Ron West were present.

INVOCATION

Mr. West gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Baird led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING OF SEALED BIDS FOR JOHNSON COUNTY PARK CAMP STORE AND OFFICES PROJECT

Adam Gadberry, County Attorney, read the following bid received for the Johnson County Park Camp Store and Offices Project:

- 1) Duke Commercial - \$1,659,000.00

Mr. Walls moved to submit the bid to Mr. Baird and Wes Harrison, Project Manager, for review and recommendation at the next regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting on June 24, 2024. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

OPENING OF SEALED BIDS FOR JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF TRAINING CENTER – PHASE 2 PROJECT

Mr. Gadberry read the following bids received for the Johnson County Sheriff Training Center – Phase 2 Project:

- 1) Charles C. Brant Construction Company - \$1,647,000.00
 - Alternate 1 - \$6,350.00
 - Alternate 2 - \$2,800.00
 - Alternate 3 - \$12,550.00
 - Alternate 4 - \$4,550.00
 - Alternate 5 - \$80,150.00

- 2) Boyle Construction Management, Inc. - \$1,725,000.00
 - Alternate 1 - \$5,600.00
 - Alternate 2 - \$6,600.00
 - Alternate 3 - \$11,500.00
 - Alternate 4 - \$2,000.00
 - Alternate 5 - \$46,000.00

- 3) DeWees Construction, Inc. - \$1,434,218.00
 - Alternate 1 - \$5,525.00
 - Alternate 2 - \$2,520.00
 - Alternate 3 - \$13,740.00
 - Alternate 4 - \$15,205.00
 - Alternate 5 - \$78,800.00

- 4) White Oak Group - \$1,416,638.00
 - Alternate 1 - \$5,865.00
 - Alternate 2 - \$5,077.50
 - Alternate 3 - \$14,708.50
 - Alternate 4 - \$16,680.75
 - Alternate 5 - \$67,017.50

Mr. Walls moved to give the bids to Mr. Baird and Mr. Harrison for review and recommendation at the next regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting on June 24, 2024. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NINEVEH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT – Request to Reverse Restrictions on Cumulative Firefighting Building and Equipment Fund – Board of Commissioners’ Resolution #2021-R-6

Josh Snyder, Nineveh Fire Chief, was present to request reversal of restrictions on the Cumulative Firefighting Building and Equipment Fund. Kyle Brooks, Assistant Fire Chief, and Kierstin Larson, Nineveh Fire Protection District Board Treasurer, were also present in the audience for this request.

Mr. Snyder explained that when originally establishing this fund, there were certain matters that needed taken care of prior to utilization of funds for building a new fire station. He then stated that the department has since taken care of these matters and is requesting approval to reverse the restrictions to move forward with the soil samples and design costs of building a new station. He noted that the current station building was built in 1955, making it the oldest station in the County.

Mr. Baird stated he met with the Nineveh Fire Protection District Board as well as Chief Snyder and he is comfortable removing the restrictions. He stated that the department is overdue for a new station.

Mr. West moved to reverse the restrictions in Resolution #2021-R-6 as presented. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. Assessor

1. Approval to Attend the 2024 ICAA Summer Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana, August 27th thru 29th, 2024

Mike Watkins, Assessor, was present to request approval to attend the 2024 ICAA Summer Conference August 27th thru 29th, 2024.

Mr. Walls moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. Approval of Sales Order and Service Agreement with Van Ausdall & Farrar

Mr. Watkins was also present to request approval of the Sales Order and Service Agreement with Van Ausdall & Farrar.

Mr. West moved to approve the request, pending legal. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

B. Auditor

1. Approval of Employee Extension of Time

Elizabeth Alvey, Auditor, was present to request an extension of time for Amy Thompson, First Deputy, to use 57.5 hours of vacation time by August 12, 2024. She noted with deadlines and the office being short staffed for a period, Mrs. Thompson will not be able to utilize her time before it expires on her anniversary date of June 12, 2024.

Mr. Walls moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

C. Health

1. Ordinance 2024-O-5: An Ordinance Establishing Regulations for Johnson County On-Site Residential Sewage Systems – First Reading

Betsy Swearingen, Director, was present for the first reading of Ordinance 2024-O-5.

Mr. West stated he would like to see the “reasonable judgement” language clearly defined before the second reading.

After brief discussion, Mr. Walls moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2024-O-5, pending the addition of language for the third-party appeal judgement process. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Gadberry suggested postponing the second reading until technical review from the State regarding the changes to the language.

D. Court Services

1. Adult Community Corrections: Approval of Contract with Buddi for Test Alcohol Monitoring Equipment

Tony Povinelli, Director, was present to request approval of a 10-day test contract for five units.

Mr. West moved to approve the request, pending legal. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

E. Highway

1. Approval and Execution of CR144 and 625W Professional Services Agreement with Corradino, LLC

Daniel Johnston, Highway Engineer, was present to request approval and execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Corradino LLC for an intersection warning system at CR144 and 625W. He noted that the cost is currently \$230,000.00; however, they plan to utilize in-house crews to lower the costs.

Mr. West expressed concern with the expenditure, noting that a roundabout would be a better solution long term.

Mr. Baird stated while he appreciated Mr. West's concerns, the County can utilize the warning system at other intersections in the future.

Mr. Walls moved to approve and execute the agreement as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-1. Mr. West voted nay.

2. Approval and Execution of Construction Plans Title Sheet for Bridge 98 Rehabilitation Project

Mr. Johnston was also present to request approval and execution of the construction plans title sheet for the Bridge 98 Rehabilitation Project. He noted Bridge 98 is located at 700 E on the north side of the Urmeville Road intersection.

Mr. Walls moved to approve and execute the construction plans title sheet as presented. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Approval and Execution of Service Agreement for DOT Services with Indiana Testing, Inc.

Luke Mastin, Highway Supervisor, was present to request approval and execution of a service agreement for Department of Transportation Services with Indiana Testing, Inc. as a follow up to an agreement in place with federal DOT requirements for retaining CDL records.

Mr. Walls moved to approve the agreement as presented. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

F. Board of Commissioners

1. Appointment of Board Member to the Johnson County Library Board

Mr. Baird noted that this appointment will fill a remainder term expiring on April 1, 2026. He added the previous board member, Dan Mitchell, had served on the board since 2014 until his passing on 5/14/2024.

Mr. West thanked the many applicants for their interest in their position. He then moved to appoint Daniel Boggess to the board. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

2. Resolution 2024-R-6: A Resolution Approving the Acceptance of Opioid Settlement Funds from the Town of Whiteland, Indiana

Mr. Walls moved to approve Resolution 2024-R-6 as presented. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Resolution 2024-R-7: Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Johnson, Indiana, Approving the Issuance of Local Income Tax Revenue Bonds (with Property Tax Pledge) of the County

Mr. West noted the amount of the Bond will be \$38,400,000.00.

Mr. Gadberry added that no new tax raises will result from the issuance of this bond and the tax rate will remain at its current rate.

Mr. West moved to approve Resolution 2024-R-7 as presented. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

4. Rejection of Milestone Contractors, L.P. Bid for the Johnson County Fairground Repaving Project

Mr. Baird stated the bid came in over budget for the project. He added they will change the scope of the project and rebid within the next week.

Mr. West moved to reject the Milestone Contractors, L.P. bid for the Johnson County Fairground Repaving Project. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. Ratification of Wurster Construction Company Change Orders 11, 16, and 17

Mr. Walls moved to ratify Change Orders 11, 16, and 17 from Wurster Construction Company as presented. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. Ratification of Patriot Engineering and Environmental, Inc. Proposal for Geotechnical Engineering Exploration

Mr. Walls moved to ratify the Proposal for Geotechnical Engineering Exploration from Patriot Engineering and Environmental, Inc. as presented. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

7. Ratification of S&L Specialty Contracting Change Order #SC-1

Mr. Walls moved to ratify Change Order #SC-1 from S&L Specialty Contracting as presented. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW & OLD BUSINESS

Claims

Mr. West questioned a claim from the Prosecutor's Office for T-Shirt Express in the amount of \$268.00.

Mr. Walls stated there needed to be better guidelines for wearing apparel purchases to provide clarification to the departments.

After brief discussion, Mr. West moved to deny the claim for \$268.00 to T-shirt Express and approval all other claims as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-1. Mr. Walls voted nay.

Commissioners' Minutes

1. 5/20/2024 – Regular Meeting

Mr. Walls moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. West seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

Public Comment – *(limited to 5 minutes per person, please)*


Duane Burgess, Sheriff, stated on Friday evening dispatch received a call for a lost 3-year-old. He noted his amazement at the teamwork between the first responders.

The Commissioners thanked all the first responders involved in reuniting the family and their 3-year-old.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Walls moved to adjourn. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.


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Brian Baird



Kevin Walls



Ron West

**Attest:
Elizabeth A. Alvey
Auditor**

