

COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, JUNE 24, 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 COURTHOUSE TORNADO REPAIR PROJECT

Adam Gadberry, County Attorney, stated in accordance with Indiana Code 36-1-12-4(b)(7)(A), to provide a fair bid in the best interest of the county, the Commissioners will postpone the bid opening and due date for the Johnson County Courthouse Tornado Repair Project (Phase 2) to the next regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting on Monday, July 8th, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

COLUMBUS INDIANA PHILHARMONIC – Summer 2024 “Sidewalk Sounds” Program Event on August 31, 2024

Mr. West stated Donnie Robinette, recent appointee to the Convention, Visitor, and Tourism Board, offered to provide music on the Courthouse lawn with the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic Sidewalk Sounds Program on August 31, 2024. He stated the group would set up at 11:00a.m. and end at 1:00p.m.

Mr. Gadberry stated there were no objections from any of the Judges that will be holding court that day.

Mr. Baird requested the group be mindful of the North entrance, which is now the main secure entrance, to the Courthouse during this event.

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. Court Services

1. Approval of Firefly Children and Family Alliance Memorandum of Understanding for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Damon Cox, Assistant Director, was present to request the approval of a Memorandum of Understanding for an annual grant.

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

~~B. Surveyor~~

~~1. Request to Utilize the Remaining Funds in ARPA Professional Services – Watersheds Project for the Watershed Hearing Expenses~~

Mr. Baird stated this item was pulled from the agenda at the Surveyor's request.

C. Highway

1. Review and Approval of the 2024 Road Maintenance Program

Daniel Johnston, Highway Engineer, was present to request approval of the 2024 Road Maintenance Program which will improve approximately 270 miles of road within Johnson County. He noted a minor revision on Saddle Club Road which will now include repaving the portion of the road between County Road 400 N and Whiteland Road.

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

D. Board of Commissioners

1. Acceptance of Lowest Quote and Award of Contract Pursuant to IC 36-1-12-5 for Animal Shelter Landscaping Project

Mr. Gadberry read the following quotes received for the Animal Shelter Landscaping Project:

- 1) TR Outdoor Designs - \$37,788.00
 Alternate 1 - \$1,380.00
- 2) Restoration Landscape - \$34,050.00
 Alternate 1 - \$2,500.00
- 3) NNS Tree Service – Declined

Mr. Walls moved to award the contract to Restoration Landscape for the Animal Shelter Landscaping Project. Mr. West seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

2. Award and Approval of Contract with White Oak Construction Corporation for the Johnson County Sheriff's Training Center Renovation Project – Phase 2

Mr. Walls moved to award the contract to White Oak Construction Corporation for the Johnson County Sheriff's Training Center Renovation Project – Phase 2 as presented. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Award and Approval of Contract with Duke Commercial for the Johnson County Parks Camp Store and Offices Project

Mr. Walls moved to award the contract to Duke Commercial for the Johnson County Parks Camp Store and Offices Project. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Resolution 2024-R-8: Resolution Amending the Cumulative Firefighting Building and Equipment Fund by Nineveh Fire Protection District

Josh Snyder, Nineveh Fire Department Chief, was present in the audience for the approval of Resolution 2024-R-8.

Mr. West moved to approve Resolution 2024-R-8 as presented. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. Resolution 2024-R-9: Resolution Approving the Acceptance of Opioid Settlement Funds from the City of Franklin, Indiana

Lynn Gray, Franklin City Attorney, was present for the approval of Resolution 2024-R-9. She stated that the City of Franklin has surrendered their restricted Opioid Settlement Funds to Johnson County Government to co-op and serve more people. She stated there will be an additional \$24,000 through 2026. She thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to work together.

Mr. Walls moved to approve Resolution 2024-R-9 as presented. Mr. West seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

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

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

Mr. Walls moved to approve Ordinance 2024-O-5 as presented. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW & OLD BUSINESS

Claims and Credit Card

Mr. West had questions regarding certain claims and credit card purchases. All questions were answered satisfactorily.

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

Commissioners' Minutes

- 1. 6/10/2024 – Regular Meeting**
- 2. 6/10/2024 – Executive 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)*

Teresa Petro, Recorder, requested approval to attend a conference on July 20th through 24th. She stated the deadline for early bird registration is July 3rd. She noted her attendance to the conference was at the last minute as she did not believe she would be able to attend due to some conflicts within her office; however, she learned last Friday that the conflicting event had changed, which will now allow her to attend.

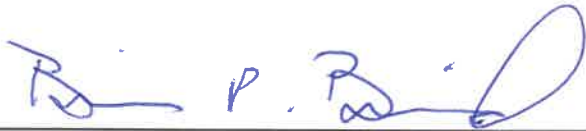
The Commissioners agreed to work with Ms. Petro on the request.

Mrs. Swearingen stated there was a call down on Friday, June 21st as part of the test system of their warning response grant. She thanked everyone involved and stated the test was successful.

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

