

COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – JULY 8, 2024

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

A. Call the Meeting to Order

1. Roll Call

The following members were present: John Myers, Jonathan T. Myers, John Mallers, and Melinda Griesemer. Ron Deer was present via Zoom. John Ditmars arrived around 6:08pm.

**Note: all votes for this meeting were taken by a roll call format.*

2. Invocation

Ms. Griesemer gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Burton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of the 7/8/2024 Agenda:

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

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

There were no public comments.

B. Public Hearing on An Additional Appropriation of the Proceeds of the County's Local Income Tax Revenue Bonds (with Property Tax Pledge)

C. Approval of Ordinance 2024-05 (Second Reading): *An Ordinance of the Johnson County Council Authorizing the Issuance of Local Income Tax Revenue Bonds (with Property Tax Pledge) for the Purpose of Providing Funds to Acquire, Construct, Install, Rehabilitate and Equip Certain Correctional Facilities and Rehabilitation Facilities and to Pay Incidental Expenses in Connection Therewith and on Account of the Issuance of the Bonds*

Mrs. Burton opened a Public Hearing at 6:05pm to receive comment on an additional appropriation of the proceeds of the County's Local Income Tax Revenue Bonds (with Property Tax Pledge) and on Ordinance 2024-05 (Second Reading). She asked if there was anyone present that would like to be heard; hearing none, she closed the public comment section of the hearing. She then opened the floor for board discussion on Ordinance 2024-05.

Jeff Peters, Financial Advisor with Peters Franklin Ltd, was present to review Ordinance 2024-05 on second reading. He stated this project is estimated to be about \$38.4 million. The plan is to use \$10 million of cash and only finance \$28.4 million.

Mr. Deer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-05 as presented on second reading. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

**NOTE: Mr. Ditmars arrived during this time.*

Mr. Mallers made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

D. 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 made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

1. *Approval of 5/6/24 Special Meeting Minutes*
2. *Approval of 6/3/24 Special Meeting Minutes*
3. *Approval of 6/10/24 Regular Meeting Minutes*
4. *Problem Solving Court Juv 2024 (#9189)*

<i>(a) From: 9189.21600.00000.0137 Office Supplies</i>	<i>\$ (2,400.00)</i>
<i>To: 9189.21003.00000.0137 Participant Incentives (new)</i>	<i>\$ 2,400.00</i>
5. *Probation/Alcohol & Drug (#2502)*

<i>(a) From: 2502.31500.00000.0332 Travel & Training</i>	<i>\$ (1,400.00)</i>
<i>To: 2502.44000.00000.0332 Office Equipment</i>	<i>\$ 1,400.00</i>
6. *93.354 Crisis CoAg School 21-22 (#8247)*

<i>(a) From: 8247.11400.00000.0210 Part Time</i>	<i>\$ (15,000.00)</i>
<i>To: 8247.24100.00000.0210 Educ & Pub Info Materials</i>	<i>\$ 11,000.00</i>
<i>To: 8247.42000.00000.0210 Operating Equipment</i>	<i>\$ 4,000.00</i>
7. *WIC Donations (#4106)*

<i>(a) AA: 4106.21500.00000.0215 Office Supplies</i>	<i>\$ 250.00</i>
<i>(b) AA: 4106.25801.00000.0215 Food</i>	<i>\$ 500.00</i>
<i>(c) AA: 4106.31000.00000.0215 Professional Services</i>	<i>\$ 5,500.00</i>
<i>(d) AA: 4106.31601.00000.0215 Operating Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 1,000.00</i>
<i>(e) AA: 4106.31500.00000.0215 Travel & Training</i>	<i>\$ 250.00</i>
8. *Sheriff/Jail (#1233-0124)*

<i>(a) AA: 1233.14300.00000.0124 PERF</i>	<i>\$ 349,998.00</i>
<i>(b) AA: 1233.14200.00000.0124 Fica-Social Security</i>	<i>\$ 350,000.00</i>
<i>(c) AA: 1233.30900.00000.0124 Hospital & Medical</i>	<i>\$ 700,000.00</i>
<i>(d) AA: 1233.36102.00000.0124 Contractual Services</i>	<i>\$ 75,000.00</i>

E. Salary Ordinance Amendments, Additional Appropriations, Reductions, and Transfers:

1. *Innkeepers Tax Collections (#7304)*

Ken Kosky, Director of Tourism, was present to request their quarterly appropriation for their Operating Expenses. He gave a brief update on what they are working on, which are two co-op advertising campaigns; both of which are being matched dollar-for-dollar. One campaign is to attract visitors and the other campaign is to attract talent. He also noted all of their numbers are favorable; their website visits are up, printed guide requests are up, and hotel stays are up.

Mr. John Myers made a motion to approve the request as presented. Ms. Griesemer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

(1a) AA: 7304.31601.00000.1127 Operating Expenses \$ 294,331.25

2. *Superior Court #1 (#1001-0132)*

Kevin Barton, Superior Court #1 Judge, was present to request a Part Time hourly rate of \$35.00 for a Court Reporter/Probate Specialist. He explained he has a current full time employee that will be retiring

at the end of August; however, she is willing to work part time until the end of the year. This will also allow the new Elected Judge to replace the full time position.

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

(2a) 1001.11400.00000.0132 – Part Time – request an hourly rate of \$35.00/hr for a Court Reporter/Probate Specialist

3. 10.557 WIC Program 2023-2024 (#8208)

Tracy Smith, WIC Coordinator, was present via zoom to request a new position in this budget.

Mrs. Burton asked why this new position was being requested at this time.

Mrs. Smith replied it is a part time person moving into a full time position due to expansion and growth of clinics and size.

Ms. Griesemer inquired what type of credentials do Nutritionists have.

Mrs. Smith replied they are Registered Dieticians and/or Registered Nurses.

Brief discussion was held regarding the job duties and the titles used for the WIC Program. It was also determined that since these positions and funding falls under the State (and their regulations), the job classifications were exempt from using the Council's policy of job classifications by WIS.

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

(3a) AA: 8208.13205.00000.0215 WIC Nutritionist \$ 11,500.00

(3b) 8208.13205.00000.0215 – WIC Nutritionist – approval of annual salary of \$58,422 (max bi-weekly pay of \$2,247.00)

4. 93.069 Base BP1 2024-2025 (#8199)

5. 93.069 CRI BP1 2024-2025 (#8200)

6. Immunization Grant (#8268)

Betsy Swearingen, Director of Health, was present to request several grant appropriations. All three of these grants are ones they have had previously.

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers made a motion to approve the following requests as presented. Ms. Griesemer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

(4a) AA: 8199.19999.00000.0210 H1N1/Base/CRI Hourly Wages \$ 21,034.92

(4b) 8199.19999.00000.0210 – H1N1/Base/CRI Hourly Wages – approval of hourly rate of \$43.268

(4c) AA: 8199.14200.00000.0210 Fica-Social Security \$ 1,609.17

(4d) AA: 8199.14300.00000.0210 PERF \$ 2,355.91

(5a) AA: 8200.19999.00000.0210 H1N1/Base/CRI Hourly Wages \$ 19,526.90

(5b) 8200.19999.00000.0210 – H1N1/Base/CRI Hourly Wages – approval of hourly rate of \$43.268

(5c) AA: 8200.14200.00000.0210 Fica-Social Security \$ 1,493.81

(5d) AA: 8200.14300.00000.0210 PERF \$ 2,187.01

(5e) AA: 8200.21600.00000.0210 Operating Supplies \$ 8,483.00

(5f) AA: 8200.31000.00000.0210 Professional Services \$ 4,764.00

(5g) AA: 8200.36200.00000.0210	Communications	\$ 2,249.28
(5h) AA: 8200.42000.00000.0210	Operating Equipment	\$ 4,140.00
(6a) AA: 8268.11400.00000.0210	Part Time	\$ 41,000.00
(6b) 8268.11400.00000.0210	– Part Time – approval of hourly rate of up to \$20.00/hr	
(6c) AA: 8268.14200.00000.0210	Fica-Social Security	\$ 9,449.01
(6d) AA: 8268.14300.00000.0210	PERF	\$ 9,140.00
(6e) AA: 8268.19900.00000.0210	Overtime	\$ 82,500.00
(6f) AA: 8268.21500.00000.0210	Office Supplies	\$ 3,530.00
(6g) AA: 8268.31000.00000.0210	Professional Services	\$ 24,000.00
(6h) AA: 8268.31200.00000.0210	Printing	\$ 1,275.00
(6i) AA: 8268.31500.00000.0210	Travel & Training	\$ 4,043.20
(6j) AA: 8268.32200.00000.0210	Postage	\$ 1,855.00
(6k) AA: 8268.35002.00000.0210	Advertising	\$ 1,000.00
(6l) AA: 8268.42000.00000.0210	Operating Equipment	\$ 31,000.00

F. Other Business

1. Approval of Interlocal Agreement Establishing the Johnson County, Indiana Opioid Remediation Grant Program Advisory Board

Adam Gadberry, County Attorney, was present to review the Interlocal Agreement establishing the Johnson County, Indiana Opioid Remediation Grant Program Advisory Board. He explained all of the cities/towns within Johnson County, except for the City of Greenwood (who is using their funding for a paramedicine program), have agreed to have their distribution from the opioid litigation settlements sent to the County and use those dollars to make available funding opportunities across Johnson County through a grant program, specifically the Johnson County Opioid Remediation Grant Program, to support evidence-based prevention,

This Advisory Board will be made up of (and have a 2-year term):

- 2 representatives from the City of Franklin
- 1 representative from the Town of Bargersville
- 1 representative from the Town of Edinburgh
- 1 representative from the Town of New Whiteland
- 1 representative from the Town of Princes Lakes
- 1 representative from the Town of Trafalgar
- 1 representative from the Town of Whiteland
- 2 representatives from the County (*one from the County Council; one from the Board of Commissioners*)

This board will meet and review the grant applications and then submit their recommendations to the Board of Commissioners for final approval.

Kevin Walls, Commissioner, was also present and asked that the Council appoint someone from their board to be their representative on this Advisory Board; he wants to get going on this soon so the money and programs can be utilized within the communities.

Mrs. Burton stated she would like to give her board a chance to review the information, then she would get with everyone and send Mr. Walls a name within the next few days (and ratify the appointment at their next Council meeting).

Ms. Griesemer asked how much money is expected to be received each year.

Mr. Gadberry answered they should receive around \$250,000 of restricted funds each year to be used toward the grant programs.

Ms. Griesemer then made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement establishing the Johnson County, Indiana Opioid Remediation Grant Program Advisory Board as presented. Mr. Jonathan T. Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

G. Old & New Business

1. Approval of Ordinance 2024-07: Amended Annual Salary Ordinance

Mr. John Myers made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-07: Amended Annual Salary Ordinance as presented. Mr. Deer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. Council Rule Changes

Mrs. Burton stated that Tiffany Costley, Assistant County Attorney, had emailed the Council members the current rules and also inserted the changes that were made available July 1st. Although she thinks these changes should be added, she does not see where a need for them currently exist in Johnson County. She then asked Mrs. Costley to review the changes that were made available on July 1st.

Mrs. Costley stated that effective July 1st, there was a new law put in place to protect freedom of speech and public comments (if you allow them); this new law establishes guidelines that need to be followed. The guidelines are meant to help protect both the governing body and the public. Also, public comments (made by a member of the public) can only be done in person. These guidelines will allow meetings to be less disruptive and convene more effectively.

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the Council rule changes as presented. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Deer queried about the budget workshops on August 12th.

Mrs. Burton replied she had spoken with Amy Thompson, First Deputy Auditor, earlier and the budget workshops will begin at noon on August 12th and hopefully will be done by 5:00pm, which will give them an hour break before their regular Council meeting. She stated almost all of the departments (except 5) will be participating in the budget workshop. Each department should have 10-15 minutes to present, with the exception of a few departments who have requested a little bit more time.

Mr. Deer then asked when they will be getting the budget books.

Mrs. Thompson answered they are still on schedule to be ready on July 26th.

Mr. Gadberry commented that if the Council wants to do a salary study for the 2026 budget, they need to get under contract with WIS later this fall. If that is the consensus of the Council, they will reach out to WIS and get this on the August Council agenda.

The Council members were in favor of moving forward with this and putting it on the August agenda.

H. Adjournment – Next regular meeting August 12, 2024

There being no further business, Mr. Mallers moved to adjourn. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

July 8, 2024 – Regular Meeting Minutes



Pamela Burton, Council Member



John Mallers, Council Member



Ron Deer, Council Member



Jonathan T. Myers, Council Member



Melinda Griesemer, Council Member

John Myers, Council Member



John Dilmars, Council Member

Attest:



Elizabeth A. Alvey, Johnson County Auditor