

COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Brian Baird at 10:00 a.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 INDEPENDENCE PARK PICKLEBALL COURTS PROJECT

Tiffany Costly, Assistant County Attorney, opened and read the following bids received for the Johnson County Independence Park Pickleball Courts Project.

1) Precision Construction and Contracting, LLC (PCC Sports) – Lee’s Summit, MO

Base:	\$ 616,370.00 (PT concrete)
Alt #1 – Lights:	\$ 175,790.00
Alt #2 – Umbrellas:	\$ 169,340.00
Voluntary Alt – Post-Tensioned Concrete:	\$ 616,370.00

2) All Star Paving, Inc. - Seymour, IN

Base:	\$ 304,880.00
Alt #1 – Lights:	\$ 344,000.00
Alt #2 – Umbrellas:	\$ 72,000.00
Voluntary Alt – Post-Tensioned Concrete:	no bid

3) Dave O’Mara Contractor, Inc. – North Vernon, IN

Base:	\$ 447,790.00
Alt #1 – Lights:	\$ 152,500.00
Alt #2 – Umbrellas:	\$ 103,557.00
Voluntary Alt – Post-Tensioned Concrete:	no bid

4) Robertson Paving, Inc. – Flat Rock, IN

Base:	\$ 415,000.00
Alt #1 – Lights:	no bid
Alt #2 – Umbrellas:	no bid
Voluntary Alt – Post-Tensioned Concrete:	no bid

Mr. Walls made a motion to give the bids to Mr. West and Wes Harrison, Project Manager, to review and give recommendations at their next Commissioners’ meeting. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

UPSTREAM PREVENTION, INC. – 2024 UPCOMING EVENTS

Kathleen Ratcliffe, Executive Director, was present to formally invite the Commissioners to their Dream Dinner on October 4, 2024. It is a free event that will be held at the Garment Factory in Franklin. Dinner will begin between 6:00 pm and 6:30 pm. with mingling before dinner. It's a dinner to celebrate individuals in recovery.

There will also be a pickleball tournament fund raiser on September 7, 2024, at the courts by the Amphitheater in Franklin. Raising funds for the recovery café Joco which recently opened at Grace United Methodist Church in Franklin. Currently there is a matching period for the café. They would like to raise \$10,000.00 by the end of May. It is a doubles tournament with the cost of \$50.00 per team.

Mr. West stated it's a wonderful event that is planned.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. VASIA

1. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Clever Dogs Media, Inc

Lauren Rynerson, Director, was present to request approval of a professional services agreement with Clever Dogs Media.

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

B. Assessor

1. Approval of Master Services agreement with Pictometry International Corporation d/b/a Eagle View

Mike Watkins, Assessor, was present to request approval of a master services agreement with Pictometry International Corporation d/b/a Eagle View.

Mr. West stated there used to be two different levels that fly over, a higher one and a lower one. He thought Marion County used to share the cost of the lower one and asked if this is something that is still being done.

Mr. Watkins stated he is unaware of a sharing agreement with Marion County, but he would look into it.

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

C. Sheriff

1. Approval of Grant Application for 2025 CHIRP Grant

Andy Barnhart, Chief Deputy, was present to request approval of a grant application for the 2025 CHIRP grant.

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

D. Auditor

1. Ratification of Engagement Letter with S&P Global Ratings for LIT Revenue Bond-Community Corrections, Series 2024

Elizabeth Alvey, Auditor, was present to request approval for the ratification of an engagement letter with S&P Global Ratings for the LIT Revenue Bond-Community Corrections, Series 2024.

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

E. Health

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

Elizabeth Swearingen, Director, was present to request approval of Ordinance 2024-O-5, an ordinance establishing regulations for Johnson County on-site sewage systems.

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

F. Highway

1. Ratification of IMPO-LPA Agreement for Bridge 85

Daniel Johnston, Engineer, was present to request approval for ratification of the IMPO-LPA agreement for Bridge 85 located on Whiteland Road east of 75 W.

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

2. Approval and Execution of Bridge Amendment 1

Mr. Johnston was present to request approval and execution of Bridge 85 Amendment 1. He stated the initial scope of design required one permit with the DNR. Both creeks involved are close to each other and eventually converge. Through the design process the DNR requested separate permits be submitted. The cost for this supplement is \$8,575.00.

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

G. Board of Commissioners

1. Ratification of Wurster Construction change Orders PCCO #0006 and PCO #024

Mr. Walls stated some of this money will be recovered by the architect. The contractor is not at fault here, but the contractor needs to be paid.

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

2. Approval of Contract with Wes Harrison

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

3. Approval of Contract with Clawson Communications, Inc

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

4. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Waggoner Irwin Scheele & Associates, Inc, for 2025 Johnson County Job Classification and Compensation Analysis

Mr. West stated he was going to vote not to approve this. The job classification and compensation analysis is readily available through the AIC. They publish a booklet every year comparing all 92 counties. While Waggoner Irwin Scheele & Associates, Inc. is a fine company, all they are going to do is provide what is available from the AIC. To spend \$58,000.00 for something that is readily available is a waste of taxpayer money.

Mr. Walls stated he was going to move to approve.

Mrs. Costley stated, alternatively, permission could be obtained for Council to sign their own contract that would come out of their professional services line item. Right now, the standard procedure is to have the Commissioners sign every contract. This is completely at the Commissioners' discretion.

Mr. Baird stated he was going to let the first motion drop. He asked if Mr. Walls would like to make a comment on this.

Mr. Walls stated yes, he would rather see this under the Council with the Commissioners facilitating the opportunity for Council to research it. The Commissioners still need to be involved at some level. Mrs. Costley state Waggoner Irwin Scheele has requested the county attorney be their point of contact. Mr. Walls stated that would leave the Commissioners in the mix.

Mr. West stated it is still \$58,000.00 of the taxpayer's money regardless of whose budget it is coming out of. Waggoner Irwin Scheele did a comprehensive study for the Council in 2020, they have all this information, and things haven't changed that much in four years.

Mr. Baird stated this have become a contentious issue in the last couple of years within the county. He is going to let the motion fail. He stated that Council and Commissioners need to have further discussion on this issue

5. Changes to County Employee Handbook

Mr. Baird stated this item has been stricken from the agenda.

6. Awarding and Approval of Contract with Advance Restoration for Phase II of the Courthouse Tornado Damage Repairs

Mr. Walls asked Mr. Harrison to come up and talk about this.

Mr. Harrison stated last week a settlement was reached with the insurance company for the construction company's bid of \$910,000.00. The insurance company is going to reimburse the county in installments starting with \$300,000.00. Mrs. Costley and himself are going to call the insurance company after the meeting today and make sure they understand how the other installments are going to come and make sure reimbursement is going to occur. The contract with Advanced Restoration has been approved but has not been signed yet.

Mr. Walls stated in the benefit of time, he would ask for approval of a ratification before their next meeting so this project can move forward. It has been at least 60 days of negotiations with the insurance company. If this gets solidified in the next couple of days, he asks for a ratification for approval in their next meeting to move this forward as quickly as possible.

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

NEW & OLD BUSINESS

Claims and Credit Cards

Mr. West noted the Auditor's Office answered the questions he had this morning. He did note there were two claims from Circuit Court for psychiatric services, he is curious if this is something that could be provided through the behavioral health facility.

Mr. Walls stated he is sure that the facility could provide that service, but there would still be cost involved but it would be closer and a little bit more reasonable.

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

Commissioners' Minutes

1. 8/12/24 – Regular Meeting

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

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

No public comment

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


