

**COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 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.

**PRESENTATION BY JC FIBER AND JOHNSON COUNTY PARK**

Nick Stainbrook, Director of Operations with JCREMC and JC Fiber, presented a construction quote to build a fiber optic cable in Johnson County Park. The quote includes four key elements: (1) 18 sites, (2) network equipment required to outlay a hub and spoke network, (3) lower monthly payments with only one connection that will serve all 18 sites, and (4) the ability to network back to the hub headquarters (expandable). Mr. West asked for a further explanation regarding subsection 2 of the proposal which stated the county will assume any risk associated with the right to install fiber within the Park. Mr. Stainbrook replied the only concern is the right-of-way on Schoolhouse Road coming from where JC Fiber's infrastructure stops at 550 South. Tiffany Costley, Assistant County Attorney, and Luke Mastin, Highway Supervisor, are currently reviewing this to make sure there is the prescribed right-of-way necessary to build the infrastructure. Mr. West replied, if that is the concern, wouldn't that wording be in the proposal instead of the word "risk" Mr. Stainbrook replied "risk" was probably chosen as all-encompassing. Mr. Baird stated the issue of right-of-way would be established prior to the beginning of construction and the subsection in question would go away once right-of-way was established.

Mr. Walls asked for clarification of the network services equipment in the second quote. Mr. Stainbrook replied that the initial quote included getting the fiber down into the Park. When you talk about services, there's a lot of variables. He explained that depending on the choices made regarding services, there could be some pluses or minuses, which would change the dollar amount. This will be covered on the service side with the service contract. He also advised there is an allotment built into the option that covers some of the variables. Mr. Walls asked if they are looking at option 1. Mr. Baird replied yes.

Mr. Walls motioned to approve option number 1. Mr. West seconded the motion and requested the amount for option 1 be stated. Adam Gadberry, County Attorney, stated the amount for option 1 is \$344,008.00. The motion carried unanimously.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS**

- 1. Approval to Attend the NEMA Certified Training Officer Class, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in St. Joseph County, Indiana.**

Heath Brant, 911 Director, was present to request approval to send an employee to the NEMA Certified Training Officer Class, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in South Bend, Indiana. Mr. Brant advised the State is paying for the class. All the department would be responsible for is lodging.

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

## **B. EXTENSION OFFICE**

### **1. Approval of Extension Contractual Services Agreement with Purdue University.**

Heather Dougherty, County Extension Director, was present to request approval of the Extension Contractual Services Agreement with Purdue University. Ms. Dougherty introduced Shalee Bradley, who will be the interim County Extension Director on November 8, 2024 until January 2025, while Ms. Dougherty is out for a medical procedure.

Mr. Walls moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Mr. West stated the amount for the contractual agreement is \$137,920.00.

## **C. VASIA**

### **1. Approval of Agreement for Legal Services with Andrew Woods**

Lauren Rynerson, VASIA Director, was present to request approval of an agreement for legal services with Andrew Woods. Mr. Walls asked if this is a normal annual contract. Mrs. Rynerson replied there was a normal contract with Mr. Woods for \$175.00 per hour. Mr. Woods is asking for payment as a flat rate per year instead of per hour. Mr. Walls asked if that number is comparable to what it has been in the past. Mrs. Rynerson replied yes.

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

Mr. West stated he wanted to mention that in the claims there was a charge for televisions. He questioned the charge with the Auditor's Office and was informed that VASIA purchased televisions for seniors who reside at nursing homes and don't have a television. He wanted to thank VASIA for doing this for seniors.

## **D. COURT SERVICES**

### **1. Moving Juvenile Assistant Director and Quality Assurance Director from Non-Exempt to Exempt Employee Status.**

Shena Johnson, Court Administrator, was present to request approval to move the positions of Juvenile Assistant Director and Quality Assurance Director from a non-exempt to an exempt employee status. Mrs. Johnson stated she and Mrs. Costley have reviewed the job descriptions for these two positions, and they believe they should be exempt under FLSA.

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

Mr. Baird asked if all the Assistant Directors are exempt. Mrs. Johnson replied yes.

### **2. Approval of Kavelmen Medical Holdings, Inc. Service Agreement for Juvenile Center**

Kristi Bruther, Juvenile Detention Director, was present to request the approval of Kavelmen Medical Holdings, Inc. Service Agreement for the Juvenile Detention Center.

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

**3. Approval of Overnight Travel to JDAI Intersite Conference on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in Fort Wayne, Indiana**

Ms. Bruther was present to request approval of overnight travel to the JDAI Intersite Conference on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She noted there are eight employees going to this conference and it is being paid from a grant.

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

**4. Approval to apply for the IDOC JDAI Performance Based Grant**

**5. Approval to apply for the CJI Juvenile Behavioral Health Competitive Grant**

Ms. Bruther was present to request approval to apply for the IDOC JDAI Performance Based Grant and the CJI Juvenile Behavioral Health Competitive Grant. Ms. Bruther stated for the JDAI Performance Based Grant they received an additional \$44,000.00 in performance-based monies. She also stated the CJI Juvenile Behavioral Health Competitive Grant is a competitive grant, and she is asking for \$420,000.00 to establish a TBRI (trust based relational intervention) for the State of Indiana. The Juvenile Detention Center and Juvenile Justice System in Johnson County are TBRI trained. Ms. Bruther stated the entire state should be TBRI trained and that is what she is hoping to accomplish. She stated this would be a pass-through grant.

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

Mr. West asked Ms. Bruther if she could explain what the claim in the amount of \$3,900.00 to Fort Wayne Juvenile Center was for. She replied, unfortunately, they had to contract with the Allen County Detention Center for a juvenile that couldn't be managed behaviorally and keep other kids and staff safe until he was transferred to the Department of Corrections.

**H. HEALTH**

**1. Ordinance 2024-O-8: An Ordinance Amending and Superseding Johnson County Code §16-1-1-2 Regarding Board of Health Fees for On-Side Septic – *Second Reading***

Elizabeth Swearingen, Director, was present for approval of the second reading of Ordinance 2024-O-8: An Ordinance Amending and Superseding Johnson County Code §16-1-1-2 Regarding Board of Health Fees for On-Side Septic.

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

**2. Ordinance 2024-O-10: An Ordinance Amending Title 16 of the Johnson County Code of Ordinances for Tuberculosis Testing Fees – *Second Reading***

Mrs. Swearingen was also present for approval of the second reading Ordinance 2024-O-10: An Ordinance Amending Title 16 of the Johnson County Code of Ordinances for Tuberculosis Testing Fees.

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

## **I. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **1. Appointment of Board Member to the CIRTA Board**

Mr. West stated he recommends the reappointment of Ron Deer. He has been on the board for 20 years; since its inception.

Mr. West then nominated Ron Deer for reappointment to the CIRTA Board. Mr. Walls seconded the nomination, which carried unanimously.

### **2. Approval of RJL Solutions Professional Service Agreement**

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

Mr. Baird stated this is for the lobbying contract which has been really successful for Johnson County.

### **3. Award of Construction Contract for the Johnson County Juvenile Center Classroom and Courtroom Renovation Project to DeWees Construction, Inc**

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

Mr. Baird stated this is to extend the courtroom and the classrooms. This will be done in two phases. The first will be extending the courtroom and the classrooms that are already there. The second phase will possibly be to extend another classroom over the bay. Mr. West stated the contract amount is \$158,431.00.

### **4. Acceptance of Construction Contract for the Johnson County Community Correction Building Project**

Mr. Walls moved to accept the Ferguson Construction Company LLC bid as presented. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Walls stated the amount of the contract has a base amount of \$28,500.00.00. Alternates are being discussed with Wes Harrison, Project Manager. Mr. West stated he is excited about this project. It has been ongoing for twelve years.

### **5. Ordinance 2024-O-12: An Ordinance Amending the Johnson County Advance Claims Payment Ordinance**

Mr. Baird explained this Ordinance gives the Auditor the ability to pay for any vehicles purchased by the county within a two-week time frame.

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

**6. Approval of Barnes & Thornburg Supplement Engagement Letter for Johnson County Local Income Tax Review Bonds, Series 2024 Bond Counsel**

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

Mr. West stated this is a flat fee of \$37,000.00.

**7. Award of Third-Party Human Resource Professional Services Agreement**

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

Mr. West stated the agreement is with Waggoner, Irwin & Scheele, with a fee not-to-exceed \$18,460.00.

**8. Resolution 2024-R-17: Amendment and Addendum to Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Regarding Road Maintenance with Town of Bargersville**

Mr. Gadberry stated there are no changes to this since the last meeting with the exception that the exhibits have been provided. Mr. Gadberry stated this is for Bargersville to take back a portion of State Road 144 to accomplish the road project and the grant they are applying for.

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

**9. Memorandum of Understanding with Town of Bargersville**

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

**10. Ratification of Agreement with CR Stafford Regarding Feasibility Study Regarding North Annex Courtroom Project**

Mr. Baird stated he has discussed this with Mr. Harrison and there are no funds for this project until the bond gets approved.

Mr. Walls motioned to table the ratification until the last meeting in December. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**NEW & OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Claims and Credit Card**

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

**B. Commissioners' Minutes: Executive Session 10/14/2024**

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

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

There were no public comments.

**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**

