

**COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025**

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 2025 MILL AND OVERLAY PROJECT**

Tiffany Cosley, County Attorney, opened and read the following bids received for the 2025 Mill and Overlay Project:

Calumet Civil Contractors	\$2,398,000.00
Allstar Paving, Inc	\$3,342,900.41
DC Construction Services	\$2,791,818.41
E&B Paving, LLC	\$2,193,994.59
Howard Asphalt, LLC	\$2,168,605.57
Rieth Riley Construction Co	\$2,331,697.17
Milestone Contractors	\$2,552,511.03

Mr. Walls moved to turn the bids over to Luke Mastin, Highway Supervisor, and Daniel Johnston, Highway Engineer, for review and recommendation at the next meeting. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**OPENING OF SEALED BIDS FOR CR144 AND MORGANTOWN ROUNDABOUT PROJECT**

Mrs. Costley opened and read the following bids for the CR144 and Morgantown Roundabout Project:

Calumet Civil Contractors	\$1,413,000.00
E&B Paving, LLC	\$1,381,856.44
Rieth Riley Construction Co	\$1,274,529.71
Milestone Contractors	\$1,448,100.00

Mr. Walls moved to turn the bids over to Mr. Mastin and Mr. Johnston for review and recommendation at the next meeting. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES – 2025 HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD**

Mr. Baird announced that the Humane Society of the United States has recognized Mike Clark, Deputy Director of the Johnson County Animal Control, with the 2025 Humane Law Enforcement Award. Mr. Baird stated he wanted to take a moment and thank the Animal Shelter staff for the work that they do.

## **PRESENTATION BY WESS JACKSON**

Wess Jackson, Board Member of American Senior Communities, whose address is 6900 South Gray Road, Indianapolis, IN, 46237, came to the podium. Mr. Jackson stated he is responsible for senior development for American Senior Communities. American Senior Communities takes care of about 230 of Johnson County residents in skilled facilities. Mr. Jackson is in the process of developing property on the north side of County Line Road just west of State Road 135. It is adjacent to and part of Greenwood Meadows. There are two parcels, one parcel located within the City of Greenwood and the other parcel is located in Johnson County unincorporated area in Lincoln Park Addition. As he began to investigate final sight planning for the development the County recommended the parcel located in Lincoln Park Addition be annexed to the City of Greenwood to allow the City to drive the development process. The City of Greenwood informed Mr. Jackson that the ground in Lincoln Park Addition is in a TIF district and that the City of Greenwood would not provide sewer services to this parcel unless the County would agree to remove it from the TIF district. Mr. Jackson stated he is making a formal request to Johnson County to release the parcel located in the Lincoln Park Addition from the TIF district. Mr. West stated that as he understands it, there is no cost to the City of Greenwood to provide this service. Mr. Jackson replied yes. Mr. West asked if the City of Greenwood provides these services to other unincorporated areas of the county, both residential and commercial. Mr. Jackson replied yes. Mr. West asked Mr. Jackson if the City of Greenwood would still request annexation if the County removed the TIF. Mr. Jackson stated that his attorney is recommending that he move forward with the annexation. Mr. West stated this is a decision for the RDC to make and thanked Mr. Jackson for coming and explaining his situation.

## **ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

### **A. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

#### **1. Ratification of AT&T BEAD Program Letter**

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

#### **2. Approval to Apply for Grants:**

- a. CASA - Approval to Apply for the Capacity Building Grant**
- b. Health – Approval to Apply for the Indiana Department of Health PHEP 2025-2026 BP2 Grant**
- c. Parks – Approval to Apply for the Festival Country Grants for 2025 Parks Department Events:**
  - 1) Vintage Camper Rally Event on May 3, 2025**
  - 2) RecFest Event on July 26, 2025**
  - 3) Touch a Truck Event on September 20, 2025**
  - 4) JoCo Deck the Stalls Holiday Fest Event on December 3, 2025**

#### **3. Approval of Annual Agreements:**

- a. Auditor – Approval of Master Services Agreement Renewal with SRI, Inc**
- b. Assessor – Approval of Midwest Presort Agreement for 2025 Form 11 Mailing**
- c. Recorder – Approval of Hardware Maintenance Support Terms and Conditions with Imaging Office Systems, Inc.**
- d. Clerk – Approval of Maintenance Service Agreement with Knowink**

Mr. Walls moved to approve all of the requests in items 2 and 3 as presented. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **A. CORONER**

### **1. Recognize the Coroner's Office ATLAS Team**

Derek Wilson, Chief Deputy, stated the Coroner's Office wanted to recognize ATLAS, (Assisting Through Loss After Suicide), with Upstream Prevention. Mr. Wilson stated ATLAS is an interictal part of the process when the Coroner's Office responds to a suicide. Mr. Wilson stated that the Coroner's Office is one of three or four in the State that has a response team that goes out to the scene with the Deputy Coroners' when there is a suicide death. Kathleen Ratcliffe with ATLAS explained they have a team of 13 members who respond after a suicide death. Once the Coroner's Office contacts them, a two-member loss team will arrive on scene to provide support, guidance and resources to family and friends. They also follow up for a couple of years after the loss just to make sure that family and friends know there are resources for them. Mr. West stated he wanted to thank everyone for the service they are providing. Mr. Baird also commended the organization for what they are doing for the community and the service they provide.

## **B. ANIMAL SHELTER**

### **1. Approval to Attend the Humane Society of the United States' Animal Care Expo, April 15, 2025 – April 18, 2025 in Las Vegas, Nevada**

Cari Klotzsche, Director, was present to request approval for her and the shelter manager to attend the Humane Society of the United States' Animal Care Expo, April 15, 2025 – April 18, 2025 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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

### **2. Wearing Apparel for New Staff**

Mrs. Klotzsche was also present to request approval to purchase wearing apparel for staff, explaining what type of items would be purchased.

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

Mr. Baird stated the items Mrs. Klotzsche is requesting are necessary items that fall under the uniforms and thanked her for the way she approached this.

## **D. SHERIFF**

### **1. Approval of Interagency Agreement with Atterbury Job Corps**

Duane Burgess, Sheriff, was present to request approval of an Interagency Agreement with Atterbury Job Corps.

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

## **E. HIGHWAY**

### **1. Award Recommendation and Request to Begin Contract Negotiations for INDOT Safety Call Projects**

Mr. Johnston was present to request approval to begin contract negotiations for the INDOT Safety Call Projects as follows:

- Regulatory and warning sign replacement in portions of Union Township and all of Hensley and Nineveh Townships with Strand Associates
- Intersection Conflict Warning Systems at the intersections of 300 W & 625 S in Hensley Township and 250 S and Old US 31 in Needham Township with Corradino, LLC.

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

Mr. Baird stated there is currently a Bill before Committee that will require a PASER 7 road rating instead of a PASER 6 road rating. Mr. Baird asked Mr. Johnston if he could explain what PASER is and the difference between a PASER 7 rating and a PASER 6 rating. Mr. Johnston replied PASER is a Pavement Assessment System that the State of Indiana uses to rate roads. The State requires all county roads to be rated, at a minimum, every two years. It uses a scale from 1 to 10; 1 being bad; 10 being the best. The top three 7 - 9 are good condition roads; 4 - 6 are fair condition roads; 3 and below are poor condition roads. Currently, the threshold for the State minimum is a 7 rating. Johnson County's average is a high 6.7 - 6.8. Mr. Baird replied that basically the change from a required 7 rating to a required 6 rating will short the County funds that could be used for roads that need repaired. Mr. Johnston replied that he has read that portion of the Bill and if a County doesn't satisfy the required threshold there could be some potential funding consequences.

## **NEW & OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Claims and Credit Card**

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

### **B. Commissioners' Minutes:**

- 1. 12/16/2024 Regular Meeting**
- 2. 1/3/2025 Regular Meeting**

Minutes were removed from the agenda.

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

Elizabeth Swearingen, Director of Health Department, stated Wednesday will begin a national PIT counting, which is the counting of our homeless population throughout the United States. It will start the evening of 1/29/25 through the morning of 1/30/25. This will show what our homeless population looks like in Johnson County. Mr. Baird stated we have a lot of homeless people that are legitimately homeless that don't necessarily choose to be. There is always those who choose to do what they are doing, but we


have a lot of those that don't and a lot of those are veterans. We have military camps and bases all over this state where foreign entities are housed but we can't house our veterans and homeless people that live in our communities and are citizens of this country. Please pray for these people and our government to do what needs to be done to take care of these people.

**ADJOURNMENT**

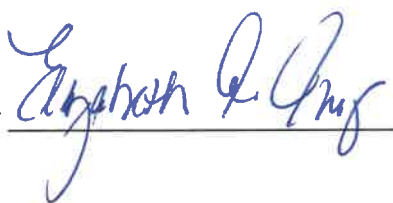
There being no further business, Mr. West moved to adjourn. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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**Brian Baird**

  
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**Ron West**

**Attest:**  
**Elizabeth A. Alvey**   
**Auditor**