

COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 14, 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.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1. Approval of Annual Agreements

- a. **Recorder** – Fidlar Technologies, Inc. Schedule D for Laredo Subscriptions
- b. **Sheriff** – HomeWAV, LLC Restated Master License and Services Agreement
- c. **Public Safety Communication** – Rave Safety Mobile Renewal Agreement
- d. **Animal Control** – Braden Business Systems, Inc. Maintenance Contract

2. Approval to Apply for Grants

- a. **WIC- Health First Indiana Funds FY 2025 Grant**
- b. **Court Services – IOCS Problem Solving Court CY 2026 Grants**
 - 1. **Juvenile Problem Solving Court**
 - 2. **Veterans Treatment Court**
 - 3. **Reentry Court**
 - 4. **Drug Court**
 - 5. **Mental Health Court**

3. Ratification of Change Orders

- a. **All Star Paving CO 02 – Independence Park Pickleball Courts**
- b. **White Oak Commercial Group CO 2 and 3 – Highway Temporary Salt Barn**
- c. **C.R. Stafford & Associates CO 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 – Juvenile Classroom and Courtroom Renovation**
- d. **C.W. Sneed Company, LLC CO 1 – Boiler Building Project**

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

4. Ratification of Board of Commissioners Hearing Officer's Decision on Appeal of Trustee's Denial of Assistance Update

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

5. Ratification of 2024 EMPG Salary Reimbursement

Mr. Baird stated this is for Emergency Management salaries.

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

6. Acceptance of 2024 Johnson County Redevelopment Annual Report

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

7. Acceptance of Lowest Quote and Award of Contract Pursuant to IC 36-1-12-5 for Juvenile Detention Kitchen Restroom Plumbing Repair Project

Mr. Baird asked if there was a list of the quotes. Mr. Walls responded yes, First Response Plumbing has the lowest quote. Mr. Baird stated he is a little concerned with their prices; Mr. Walls agreed. Mr. West asked how a quote is received over the phone. Mr. Baird responded that it is done all the time, usually they come out and look at the project before submitting a quote. Kristi Bruther, Director, came to the podium to clarify that she did contact First Response Plumbing by phone initially, but they and all the other companies came out and looked at the project in person prior to submitting their quote. Mr. Baird requested that Jason Miller, Maintenance Director or Wes Harrison, Project Manager, send out the specifications to each bidder, since the quotes are all over the place, and move forward as usual.

Mr. Walls made a motion to give the quotes to Mr. Harrison and Mr. Miller to review and return with a recommendation at the next meeting. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

8. Employee Handbook Change

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

9. Resolution 2025-R-2: A Resolution in Opposition to SB 1's Provision to Eliminate Business Personal Property by Pay 2033

Mr. West stated he wanted to compliment Tiffany Costley, County Attorney, and Taylor Webster, Assistant County Attorney, for the work they did on this Resolution which lays out Johnson County's opposition to SB 1.

Mr. West moved to approve Resolution 2025-R-2 as presented. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

10. Ordinance 2025-O-4: An Ordinance Prohibiting the Unauthorized Removal or Tampering with Barricades or Traffic Control Devices in Johnson County, Indiana – First Reading

Mr. West moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2025-O-4 as presented. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Baird stated it is absurd this has to be discussed. The people that ignore or remove the traffic control devices are not only putting themselves in jeopardy but they are also jeopardizing first responders and anyone else that stops to assist.

B. Fleet

1. Approval to Attend the Police Technology & Equipment Exchange 2025, June 24, 2025 - June 26, 2025 in Charlotte, North Carolina

Mr. Baird stated that there is no cost to the County or taxpayers to attend this conference.

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

C. Health

1. Approval to Attend the 2025 National Environmental Assessment Reporting System Training, May 13, 2025 – May 15, 2025 in Alanta, Georgia

Elizabeth Swearingin, Director, was present to request approval to attend the 2025 National Environmental Assessment Reporting System Training May 13, 2025 – May 15, 2025 in Alanta, Georgia. Mr. Swearingin stated there is no cost to the County for this training.

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

D. Parks

1. Approval to Attend the 2025 Indiana Parks and Recreation Association Conference November 11, 2025 – November 13, 2025 in Muncie, Indiana

Kevin Leonard, Superintendent, was present to request approval to attend the 2025 Indiana Parks and Recreation Association Conference from November 11, 2025 – November 13, 2025 in Muncie, Indiana. Mr. Leonard stated this would be paid for through the Parks Department's Non-Reverting Fund. Mr. Leonard stated he receives a discount on the conference fee because he is part of the Planning Committee. It would be a three-night hotel stay for him and a two-night stay for Christy Howe, Recreation Director.

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

Mr. Baird stated Christy is doing an amazing job at the Park and he is really pleased with the direction the Park is going.

E. Recorder

1. Approval to Attend the Fidler Symposium May 19, 2025 – May 21, 2025 in Des Moines, Iowa

Angel Wiser, First Deputy, was present to request approval to attend the Fidler Symposium May 19, 2025 – May 21, 2025 in Des Moines, Iowa. She noted they only have to pay for mileage and the hotel.

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

F. Public Safety Communications

1. Approval to Attend the 2025 Indiana 911 Director's Summit April 22, 2025 – April 23, 2025 in Noblesville, Indiana

Heath Brant, Director, was present to request approval to attend the 2025 Indiana 911 Director's Summit April 22, 2025 – April 23, 2025 in Noblesville, Indiana.

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

2. Proclamation of 2025 Johnson County Public Safety Telecommunicator Week April 13, 2025 – April 19, 2025

Mr. Brant was present to request approval of the Proclamation of 2025 Johnson County Public Safety Telecommunicator Week April 13, 2025 – April 19, 2025. Mr. Brant then read the Proclamation aloud.

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

Mr. Baird thanked the 911 Center for all that they do for the citizens of Johnson County.

G. Treasurer

1. Ordinance 2025-O-2: An Ordinance Authorizing the Establishment of a Processing Fee for Mobile Home Transfer of Title and Moving Permits Prepared by the Johnson County Treasurer – First Reading

Kim Hamilton, Treasurer, was present to request approval for the first reading of Ordinance 2025-O-2: An Ordinance Authorizing the Establishment of a Processing Fee for Mobile Home Transfer of Title and Moving Permits Prepared by the Johnson County Treasurer. Mrs. Hamilton stated that in 2024 there were approximately 1940 mobile homes in Johnson County. The Treasurer's Office issued approximately 490 permits which are good for 90 days. Mrs. Hamilton stated the Treasurer's Office is having problems with the mobile home parks allowing the permits to expire or losing them and then returning to the Treasurer's Office for a second permit. The process to prepare and issue a second permit is the same as issuing the first. She hopes charging a fee for the permits will make the mobile home parks more responsible with the first permit they receive. She spoke to several counties that do charge a fee for permits.

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

H. Coroner

1. Ordinance 2025-O-3: An Ordinance Establishing the Johnson County Coroner's Office Fee Schedule – First Reading

Michael Pruitt, Coroner, was present to request approval for the first reading of Ordinance 2025-O-3: An Ordinance Establishing the Johnson County's Coroner Office Fee Schedule. Mr. Pruitt stated that the Coroner's Office signs cremation requests, from time to time, for funeral homes where the deaths are non-coroner cases. Mr. Pruitt also explained that there has been some interest from smaller counties in using the Johnson County Coroner's facilities to perform their autopsies. He would request that an ordinance be in place so that a fee can be charged for services rendered that are outside of the Johnson County Coroner's purview.

Mr. Baird asked if this would create any liability that would be obstructive to the County. Mrs. Costley replied the ordinance was modeled from other Indiana counties that charge a fee for services such as this. She suggested that the ordinance be put in place and prior to the first use, further discussion be held to determine what waivers need to be signed to protect the county from any possible liability.

Mr. Walls motioned to approve the request with a caveat that any changes would be ratified at a later time. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

H. Highway

1. Final Acceptance of Stones Crossing Road and Saddle Club Roundabout

Daniel Johnston, Engineer, was present to request approval and execution of form IC639 which is the official final inspection form for this project.

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

2. Approval and Execution of Letter of Understanding with INDOT

Mr. Johnston was also present to request approval and execution of a Letter of Understanding with INDOT. Mr. Johnston explained that INDOT has a bridge project on State Road 44 just east of County Road 575 West beginning the first of May through the end of June. There will be a closure for some time with INDOT issuing an official detour for this project. Generally, INDOT and the County will enter into a letter of understanding for an unofficial detour. If there is any damage to a particular route the County has identified as the unofficial detour, INDOT and the County will discuss the cost of the necessary repairs and then INDOT will reimburse the County for those repairs.

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

NEW & OLD BUSINESS

A. Claims

Mr. West stated the Animal Shelter has a claim for approval to T-Shirt Express. It was his understanding the departments would come before the Commissioners for approval prior to purchasing any wearing apparel since wearing apparel is now in the Commissioners' budget. In the future, he would like to see the departments present to the Commissioners the amount they anticipate spending on wearing apparel so that it will be allotted for and included in the Commissioner's budget.

Mr. West also questioned the Park's water bill from Prince's Lakes for \$1,076.82. Mr. Leonard responded they believe this is the meter at the horse park. Everything feeds off that meter but not everything has sewer. That is why they are getting charged a lot; basically, all the water used there is not sewer. Mr. Leonard stated they are working with Prince's Lakes to separate some of those lines from the horse park meter in order to lower the bill.

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

Mr. Baird wanted to clarify the Animal Shelter did ask for prior approval for the purchase to T-Shirt Express.

B. Commissioners' Minutes

1. 3/10/25 – Regular Meeting
2. 3/24/2025 – Regular Meeting

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

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

Mr. Walls wanted to give the Court's a shout out because they graduated 4 more individuals from the recovery courts. He is glad to see that this program is working.

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



Kevin Walls



Ron West

Attest:

Elizabeth A. Alvey
Auditor

