

COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING- MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Brian Baird at 10:00 A.M. Kevin Walls was present. Ron West was absent.

INVOCATION

Mr. Baird led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Baird led the Pledge of Allegiance.

JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION – JOHNSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE EXTERIOR LIGHTING

Kim Kasting, Johnson County Community Foundation, appeared before the Commissioners to present information regarding exterior lighting options for the Johnson County Courthouse. Ms. Kasting stated a friend of the Foundation came to her and expressed an interest to obtain lighting for the downtown Courthouse. Dan Davis, Davis Electric, submitted a tentative proposal to the Commissioners for New Ground Lighting on the Downtown Courthouse in the amount of \$79,763.00. Ms. Kasting stated Franklin Development Corporation offers a Commercial Façade Matching Grant. Johnson County could apply for this Grant and potentially receive one half of the funds needed for this project. Johnson County would be responsible for the energy usage fees that has been estimated at \$350.00 - \$450.00 per year. Mr. Davis came to the podium; discussion was held and all questions were answered satisfactorily. Helen Hodgins, taxpayer, approached the podium to express how important this project was to her. Mr. Walls stated he would not be in favor of this project at this time due to the need of funding in other areas such as County Road Repair. He stated he would be willing to talk with Franklin Development Corporation and get additional details on their part in regards to funding; he said this could possibly change his mind. Beth Auld, taxpayer, came to the podium and asked the Commissioners to consider combining this project with an upcoming Courthouse Renovation project that is currently in the works in order to be more cost effective. She said she believes they could do a Go Fund Me Account to get this completed. Mrs. Auld stated Helen Hodgins is her mom; she is 91 years old and wants to see this project finished in her lifetime. Mr. Baird stated this subject has been presented previously. Mr. Baird asked the Daily Journal, whose representative was in the audience, to put something in the paper in order for people to contact the Commissioners with their approval or disapproval for this type project. He said most of the taxpayers he had spoken with were not in favor of spending tax dollars on lighting when there were more important needs such as County Road Repairs. An open discussion was held regarding the benefits and the beauty of completing the Courthouse lighting project. Mr. Baird thanked everyone for participating and explained this is not something the Commissioners could support at this time.

FORESTAR (USA) REAL ESTATE GROUP, INC. – MEADOWS AT BELLEVIEW, SECTION 1 – FINAL PLAT AND BONDS

This item was removed from the agenda.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. Animal Shelter

1. Approval to Apply for Banifield Veterinary Community Care Grant

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

B. Sheriff

1. Approval of Cooperative Agreement with Atterbury Job Corps Center

Duane Burgess, Sheriff, appeared before the Commissioners to request approval of an Agreement with Atterbury Job Corps Center.

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

C. Court Administrator

1. Approval to Apply for FY2023 IOCS Problem Solving Court Grants for the Following:

a. Superior Court 2 Re-entry Court

b. Circuit Court 2 Drug Court

c. Superior Court 2 Behavior Health Court

d. Juvenile Court Problem Solving Court

Brandi Kirkendall, Court Administrator, appeared before the Commissioners to request approval to apply for the four grants listed above.

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

D. Highway

1. Approval and Execution of INDOT State Road Relinquishment Agreement (Pending Legal Review) and 2. Approval and Execution of INDOT-LPA Project Coordination Contract for Smith Valley Road Federal Funding (Pending Legal Review)

Luke Mastin, Director, appeared before the Commissioners for discussion of potential approval and execution of a Relinquishment Agreement with INDOT for the transfer of maintenance on certain state roads in Johnson County. Mr. Mastin provided the Commissioners a copy of an agreement in its current draft format for review. Mr. Mastin said they are working with the INDOT legal department to finalize language in certain sections of the contract. Mr. Mastin stated the total relinquishment dollars are split between different funding sources at INDOT. The agreement includes the INDOT state and federal portion. The remainder of the funds will come from different funding sources and covered under different contracts; the total dollar amount is expected to be \$35m, which was previously discussed. Mr. Mastin stated a separate report would follow with estimates of future maintenance and operational costs, assuming Johnson County accepts responsibility for these roads. Ron Deer, Johnson County Council member, came to the podium to discuss, what he called a Council consensus on this request based on a recent Council meeting. Detailed discussion was held and all questions were addressed.

Mr. Walls made a motion to table items 1 and 2 for future discussion. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Proposal Review Scores and Consultant Contracts for Smith Valley Road Preliminary Engineering

Mr. Mastin requested approval of the Preliminary Engineering proposal scoring results for Phases 1 & 2 of the Smith Valley Road Project. The RFP for the work was posted on INDOT's standard website for local agency RFP's. Mr. Mastin provided the Commissioners with copies of the scoring results. He said he would recommend Crossroad Engineers for the design of Phase 1 and United Consulting for the design of Phase 2. This is Contingent on the understanding if Johnson County does not move forward on the Relinquishment Agreement, and Local Funding is needed, new contacts will be prepared and presented to the Commissioners for consideration at a future meeting.

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

E. Board of Commissioners

1. Ordinance 2022-O-6: An Ordinance Establishing Guidelines for Submissions of Digital Files of Plats.

Pamela Burton, Johnson County Auditor, appeared before the Commissioners to request approval of an Ordinance to require a replica digital file accompany all recorded plats.

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

NEW & OLD BUSINESS

Claims & Credit Card

Mr. Baird made a motion to approve claims and the Credit Card as presented. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Commissioners' Minutes

04/07/2022 - Special Meeting – ARPA Committee

04/11/2022 – Regular Meeting

Mr. Walls made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

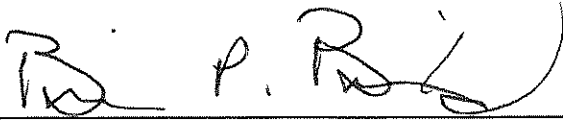
Public Comment - *(limited to 5 minutes per person)*

There were no public comments.

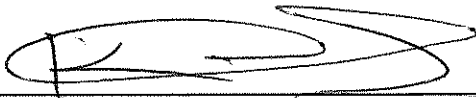
ADJOURNMENT

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

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Brian P. Baird



Kevin M. Walls



Ron H. West

Attest:

Pamela J. Burton

Auditor

