

COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

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

INVOCATION

Mr. West led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Baird led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING OF SEALED BIDS FOR JOHNSON COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER ADDITION PROJECT

Mr. Baird tabled this item until the September 26, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting.

Adam Gadberry, County Attorney, explained there have been changes to ARPA requirements that will make this process easier for the County as well as bidders. New Addendums have been presented; if anyone would like copies of these addendums contact Mr. Gadberry. Sealed bids for this contract will be presented during the September 26, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting.

**PROCLAMATION OF THE 235TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONSTITUTION WEEK
SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2022**

Mr. Gadberry read aloud the Proclamation of the 235th Anniversary of Constitution Week September 17-23, 2022.

Mr. West made a motion to approve the proclamation as read. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. Community Corrections – Juvenile Division

1. Approval to Apply for FY 2022-2023 DOC Discretionary Grant

Damon Cox, Assistant Director, appeared before the Commissioners to request approval to apply for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 DOC Discretionary Grant.

Mr. West made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

B. Health

1. COVID After Action Report

Betsy Swearingen, Director, appeared before the Commissioners to review the COVID After Action Report for Johnson County. She highlighted the new updates in the report which included improvements of communication pathways and a mobile resource to offer COVID vaccinations to the public. Mrs. Swearingen asked the Commissioners for permission to approach the ARPA Committee to be reconsidered for funding of a mobile resource vehicle. She stated this report was not available at the time of her original request to the ARPA Committee. Discussion was held and all questions were answered accordingly.

Mr. Baird suggested looking for a grant to obtain funding for the vehicle.

C. Recorder

**1. Approval for Renewal of Indecomm Holdings, Inc. Electronic Recording Trusted
Submitter Agreement**

Teresa Petro, Recorder, appeared before the Commissioners to request approval to renew the Electronic Recording Trusted Submitter Agreement with Indecomm Holdings, Inc. for three (3) years. Ms. Petro stated she would prefer to have this contract renewed annually. Mr. Gadberry said revising the contract would not be a problem.

Mr. West made a motion to approve the request pending legal review. Mr. Baird seconded the motion which carried 2-0.

2. Discussion of Green Light Project During Veterans Day Week, November 7-13, 2022

Ms. Petro informed the Commissioners of the upcoming Veterans Day Week plans set for November 7-13, 2022.

Seneca Harbin, Veterans Affairs Director, was also present to support the Recorder's Office and their plans for Veterans Day Week; including, the Green Light Project.

Ms. Petro stated the county government buildings will be lit with a green light in honor of Veterans Day. Discussion was held and all concerns were addressed accordingly.

3. Ratification to Attend the Fidler College, September 26-27, 2022, in Davenport, Iowa

Ms. Petro remained in front of the Commissioners to request ratification to attend the Fidler College for September 26-27, 2022.

Mr. West made a motion to ratify the request as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

D. Sheriff

1. Approval to Apply for 2022-2023 Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Plan (CHIRP) Grant

Duane Burgess, Sheriff, approached the Commissioners to request approval to apply for the 2022-2023 Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Plan (CHIRP) Grant.

Mr. West made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

E. Highway

1. Award and Execution of Bridge 602 PE Contract Amendment 2

Daniel Johnston, Engineer, approached the Commissioners to request approval and execution of Bridge 602 PE Contract Amendment 2 with Hanson Professional Services, Inc. This amendment is a no cost change to the contract; it's namely utility coordination and subsequent modifications to the bridge design due to utility conflicts.

Mr. West made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

2. Request to Approach Council for Transfer of Funds

Luke Mastin, Supervisor, came to the podium to request approval to approach County Council at their meeting this evening for a transfer of funds from the overtime line item to their Fuel line item. He stated this will hopefully offset rising fuel costs through the end of the year.

Mr. West made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

F. Board of Commissioners

1. Appointment of New Member to the Board of Health

Mrs. Swearingen approached the Commissioners to present three (3) applications for the Board of Health's open position. Mrs. Swearingen stated all three (3) applicants were highly capable and she would like to recommend Jeanette Etnier. Discussion was held.

Mr. West moved to appoint Ms. Jeanette Etnier to the Board of Health. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

Mrs. Swearingen stated it has been refreshing seeing the amount of qualified people applying for this board position.

2. Ordinance 2022-O-20: An Ordinance Authorizing Distribution and/or Expenditure of the Proceeds of the Johnson County's Grant from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ACT") – Subject: Grant to JC Fiber for Extension of Broadband Services to Underserved Communities

Mr. West made a motion to approve the request as presented in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

3. Ordinance 2022-O-21: An Ordinance Authorizing Distribution and/or Expenditure of the Proceeds of the Johnson County's Grant from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ACT") – Subject: Professional Services – Barnes & Thornburgh LLP

Mr. West made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

4. Ordinance 2022-O-22: An Ordinance Authorizing Distribution and/or Expenditure of the Proceeds of the Johnson County's Grant from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ACT") – Subject: Professional Services – Mental Health Facility

Mr. West made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

5. Approval and Execution of Change Order 1 with Irish Mechanical Services, Inc. for the Johnson County Jail Mechanical Unit Replacement Contract

Mr. West made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

6. Ratification of Consent and Waiver of Notice of Final Accounting for the Robert D. LaTour Trust

Mr. West made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

NEW & OLD BUSINESS

Claims

Discussion was held regarding claims submitted by the Health Department, Courts and the Surveyor's Office.

Mr. West made a motion to deny three claims from the Surveyor's Office, made to Daniel Ketner Excavating; stating proper documentation was needed before these claims would be paid. All other claims were approved. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

Commissioners' Minutes

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Mr. West made a motion to approve the Commissioners' minutes as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

Public Comment – (limited to 5 minutes per person)

Ms. Petro approached the Commissioners to request a correction of the location of the Fidler College on agenda item #C3. She stated the event is in Davenport, Iowa not Davenport, Indiana.

Mrs. Vicki Kurtz, Regent of the Mary Bryan Chapter in Greenwood, Daughters of the American Revolution, approached the Commissioners' to read a quote by Patrick Henry from the Constitution.

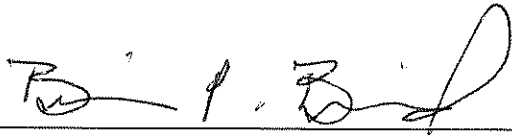
Mr. Baird quoted Ephesians from the Christian Bible, stating he would like to add to Ms. Kurtz's passage by Patrick Henry. 6:12

Mr. Gadberry introduced Tiffany Costley, the new Assistant County Attorney.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. West moved to adjourn. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.



Brian P. Baird



Ron H. West



Kevin M. Walls

Attest:

Pamela J. Burton



Auditor