

## **COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 12, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President, Jim Ison.

### **A. Call the Meeting to Order**

#### **1. Roll Call**

The following members were present: Melinda Griesemer, Pete Ketchum, Jonathan T. Myers, John Myers and Ron Deer. Rob Henderson was absent.

#### **2. Invocation**

Mr. Ketchum gave the invocation.

#### **3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Ison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **4. Approval of the 9/12/22 Agenda**

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### **5. Public Comments (5 minute time limit)**

There were no public comments.

### **B. Approval of Ordinance 2022-07 (First Reading) – An Ordinance of the Johnson County Council Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds for the Purpose of Providing Funds to Acquire and Install Certain Equipment, Complete Certain Projects and Make Certain Improvements and Renovations and to Pay the Costs of Issuance of the Bonds**

Commissioner Brian Baird was present via zoom to answer any questions the council members may have regarding the issuance of this General Obligation Bond.

Mr. Deer asked for a little more detail on the projects listed in the ordinance.

Mr. Baird reviewed the list and provided additional details.

Mr. Deer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-07 as presented on first reading. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

Additionally, Mr. Baird asked if the council members had any questions on the requests for item D7 (American Rescue Plan); he would be happy to answer them because he is unable to stay connected to the meeting.

Mr. Deer inquired about the \$750,000 for the Mental Health Facility.

Adam Gadberry, County Attorney, commented this item was not on this meeting's agenda.

### **C. Routine Matters – Consent Agenda**

*By a single motion, the Board approves the following items, which may include Salary Ordinance Amendments, Additional Appropriations, Reductions, and Transfers. Any items listed on the consent agenda may be removed by a Council member and moved to the regular agenda.*

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

#### **1. Approval of 8/8/22 Regular Meeting Minutes**

2. <u>Superior Court 1 (#1001-132)</u>			
(a) From: 1001.31200.000.132	Printing	\$	(493.22)
From: 1001.32000.000.132	Dues & Subscriptions	\$	(138.00)
To: 1001.21500.000.132	Office Supplies	\$	631.22
(b) From: 1001.31200.000.132			
To: 1001.44000.000.132	Office Equipment	\$	250.00
(c) From: 1001.11400.000.132			
To: 1001.31000.000.132	Professional Services	\$	3,000.00
3. <u>Highway (#1176)</u>			
(a) From: 1176.19900.204.201	Overtime	\$	30,000.00
To: 1176.27510.204.201	Fuel	\$	30,000.00
4. <u>Bond 3 (#4618)</u>			
(a) AA: 4618.30007.000.491	Bond Payment/2021	\$	8,900.44
5. <u>20.600/20.608 LEC CHIRP 21/22 (#8218)</u>			
(a) AA: 8218.19500.000.612	Grant Reimb For Personnel	\$	82,500.00
6. <u>Animal Shelter - Grants Awarded/Non-Governmental (#4300)</u>			
(a) AA: 4300.31000.000.219	Professional Services	\$	5,000.00
(b) AA: 4300.21600.000.219	Operating Supplies	\$	377.50
7. <u>Animal Adoption Fee (#4915)</u>			
(a) AA: 4915.31000.000.219	Professional Services	\$	15,000.00
(b) AA: 4915.21600.000.219	Operating Supplies	\$	5,000.00

**D. Salary Ordinance Amendments, Additional Appropriations, Reductions, and Transfers:**

1. Animal Shelter (#4008)

Cari Klotzsche, Animal Warden, and Mike Clark, Deputy Director, were present to request additional appropriations for Vehicle Maint/Supplies, Wearing Apparel, and Part Time.

Ms. Griesemer inquired about the request for the Wearing Apparel.

Mr. Clark stated the uniforms that the officers currently wear are a hodge-podge of uniforms; they have officers wearing blue jeans, some wear green pants, and some wear black pants – when they have two officers on the same scene, they don't look like they work for the same department. He also noted their ballistic vests are outdated five plus years. He remarked they work with several other agencies and want their officers to look more professional.

Brief discussion was held regarding the uniforms and what they would consist of. It was also mentioned, by Mrs. Klotzsche, that they currently only have three of the six officer positions filled at this time.

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers then asked about the request for Part Time.

Mrs. Klotzsche explained they utilize a lot of part time employees in the shelter.



Mr. Ketchum referenced Mrs. Klotzsche's memo, which stated they currently have 53 dogs, 111 cats, 4 guinea pigs, 22 rabbits, and 3 snakes; he then questioned how long they keep an animal before they do something with it.

Mrs. Klotzsche replied they typically average about seven days. However, they are currently averaging twenty-one days. She noted all of her rescues are full, so as long as the animal is healthy, they hold them as long as they can because the only alternative is euthanasia. She added they are not the only shelter in crisis mode; all surrounding shelters are having this same issue.

Additional discussion was held regarding Animal Control rescuing wildlife animals verses having DNR or other similar agencies rescue them. It was suggested a fee be charged for these type of calls.

Mr. Deer made a motion to approve the requests as presented. Mr. Jonathan T. Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

<i>(1a) AA: 4008.22100.000.219</i>	<i>Vehicle Maint/Supplies</i>	<i>\$ 7,000.00</i>
<i>(1b) AA: 4008.25100.000.219</i>	<i>Wearing Apparel</i>	<i>\$ 11,615.00</i>
<i>(1c) AA: 4008.11400.000.219</i>	<i>Part Time</i>	<i>\$ 54,000.00</i>

2. Circuit Court (#1001-131)

Shena Johnson, Court Administrator, and Andy Roesener, Circuit Court Judge, were both present to request an additional appropriation for Indigent Legal services. Mrs. Johnson explained they have had an increase in expenses of the various services related to the court cases.

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

<i>(2a) AA: 1001.30020.000.131</i>	<i>Indigent Legal</i>	<i>\$ 50,000.00</i>
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3. Auditor (#1157-102)

Amy Thompson, First Deputy Auditor, was present to request approval of the following request:

<i>(3a) AA: 1157.31000.000.102</i>	<i>Professional Services</i>	<i>\$ 20,000.00</i>
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Mr. John Myers made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Deer seconded the motion; the motion unanimously carried.

4. 93.323 Crisis CoAg School Grant (#8246)

Betsy Swearingen, Director of Health, was present to appropriate this grant. She noted this is a two-year grant. With this grant, they have hired a full-time Crisis Co-Ag Coordinator (School Liaison) and some part time employees that support this position. Mrs. Swearingen stated the State Department of Health told them that whatever the schools need help with, these monies and personnel are to help them with those services. Currently, they are helping all of the schools get caught up on all of their immunizations and entered into the computer system. (Students are required to have their immunizations by October 1<sup>st</sup> in order to attend school.) They are also assisting the schools with hearing and vision screenings, AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators), and giving them Stop-the-Bleed kits. Lastly, she noted this is a two-year grant, totaling \$440,000 each year; therefore she will be back periodically appropriating funds as needs arise.

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers moved to approve the requests as presented. Mr. Ketchum seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

(4a) AA: 8246.11400.000.210	Part Time	\$	15,000.00
(4b) AA: 8246.14200.000.210	Fica-Social Security	\$	1,148.00
(4c) AA: 8246.24100.000.210	Edu & Pub Info Materials	\$	5,000.00
(4d) AA: 8246.25801.000.210	Food	\$	500.00
(4e) AA: 8246.35002.000.210	Advertising	\$	4,000.00

5. Statewide 911 (#1222)

6. Johnson County Public Safety Communications (#1001-911)

Heath Brant, 911 Director, was present to request an additional appropriation for Overtime. He explained he has been short staffed (more specifically, about 10 short for most of the year), commenting it takes about six months to get someone trained. He noted he has already transferred (from line items with vacancies) about \$109,000 into Overtime already this year. He then stated he has hired personnel and should be fully staffed within the next week, but they still need to get through training. Mr. Brant also requested a salary increase for the CAD Administrator; this position would then be making the same amount as his other support staff.

Mr. Ketchum made a motion to approve the requests as presented. Mr. Jonathan T. Myers seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

(5a) AA: 1222.19900.000.911	Overtime	\$	75,000.00
(6a) From: 1001.36000.000.911	Equipment Repair & Maint	\$	(912.00)
To: 1001.12891.000.911	CAD/Geo Base Admin	\$	912.00
(6b) 1001.12891.000.911 – CAD/Geo Base Admin – increase salary from \$53,820 to \$57,208 (with a max bi-weekly pay of \$2,200.31) & retro to 9/8/22			

7. 21.027 American Rescue Plan (#8950-122)

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers and Mr. Deer, as members of the ARPA Committee, explained the following requests. Mr. Jonathan T. Myers stated the request for JC Fiber is for their second tranche. Mr. Deer stated the request for Professional Services is to pay Barnes & Thornburg as a consultant to help administer the ARPA funds; they will be paid \$5,000/month for four months.

Brief discussion was held regarding how much of the ARPA funds were left. It was dependent on how much was actually appropriated and how much was “earmarked” for projects. Mr. Gadberry stated he could provide the council members with an excel spreadsheet.

Mr. Deer moved to approve the requests as presented. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

(7a) AA: 8950.31017.000.122	JC Fiber	\$	1,000,000.00
(7b) AA: 8950.31000.000.122	Professional Services	\$	20,000.00

**E. Other Business**

There was no Other Business discussed.

**F. Old & New Business**

There was no Old or New Business discussed.

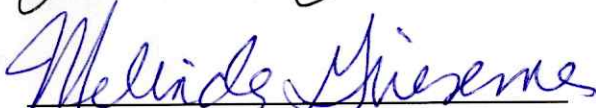
**G. Adjournment** – Next regular meeting October 17, 2022

There being no further business, Mr. Jonathan T. Myers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.


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James Ison, Council President

  
Jonathan T. Myers, Council Vice-President

  
Melinda Griesemer, Council Member

absent  
Pete Ketchum, Council Member

  
Rob Henderson, Council Member

  
John Myers, Council Member

  
Ron Deer, Council Member

Attest:

  
Pamela J. Burton, Johnson County Auditor