

COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023

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

INVOCATION

Mr. West led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Baird led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. Clerk

1. Approval to Renew the 12-Month Service Agreement with Hiram J. Hash & Sons, Inc.

Trena McLaughlin, Clerk, was present in the audience to answer any questions regarding the annual agreement renewal.

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

B. Public Safety Communication

1. Approval of Maintenance Agreement with Nationwide Power

Mr. West moved to approve the maintenance agreement with Nationwide Power, pending legal. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

C. Parks Department

1. Approval for Inspiration Music Fest on September 16, 2023

Kevin Leonard, Park Superintendent, was present in the audience to answer any questions regarding the Inspiration Music Fest on September 16, 2023.

Mr. West moved to approve the Inspiration Music Fest, pending legal. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

D. Highway

1. Upcoming CCMG 23-2 Funding Application

Daniel Johnston, Highway Engineer, came before the Commissioners to request approval to apply for the maximum award amount of \$2 million for the upcoming CCMG 23-2 Grant. He explained the funding would be used to provide long term maintenance on some of the thorough fare streets in the County.

Luke Mastin, Highway Supervisor, was also present for this request. He added this project would provide a deeper mill and fill of the existing roads to extend the lifespan of the road.

Mr. West moved to approve the request to apply for the upcoming CCMG 23/2 Funding, pending legal. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

E. Board of Commissioners

At this time, Mr. Baird chose to discuss item E6 to respect the time of Mayor Steve Barnett and his staff.

6. Approval of Interlocal Agreement with City of Franklin, Indiana for the Graham and Paul Hand Roads Roundabout Project

Steve Barnett, Mayor of Franklin City, was present to request approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Franklin, Indiana for the Graham and Paul Hand Roads Roundabout Project. He explained the County has expressed their interest in providing \$675,000 toward the project and this agreement will get the process moving. He also added the area for the Roundabout is where the City of Franklin, unincorporated Johnson County, and Town of Whiteland meet.

Discussion was held regarding the timeline goals for the project and continuing a good working relationship between the City of Franklin and the County.

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

1. Ratification of Letter to City of Greenwood Regarding Bridges 602 and 605

Discussion was held among the Commissioners as to the purpose of this ratification as well as the options moving forward in the process following notification of possible issues with the existing Right of Way for this project.

Mr. Mastin explained to the Commissioners this request is solely to ratify the letter that has already been extended to the City of Greenwood. He noted further research needs to be done to find the best plan of action going forward.

Mr. Walls moved to approve the ratification of the letter to City of Greenwood regarding Bridges 602 and 605 as presented. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. Approval of the Peters Franklin, Ltd Engagement Letter for 2023 General Obligation Bonds – Municipal Advisory Services

Mr. Walls moved to approve the Peters Franklin, Ltd Engagement Letter as presented. Mr. West seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

3. Approval of Barnes & Thornburg, LLP Engagement Letter for 2023 General Obligation Bonds – Counsel Services

Mr. West moved to approve the Barnes & Thornburg, LLP Engagement Letter as presented. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Award and Approval of Construction Contract for Johnson County Courthouse Repair Project

Mr. Walls moved to award and approve the construction contract for the Johnson County Courthouse Repair Project to Advanced Restoration Contractors, LLC. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Walls then noted this is a new company for the County and while the bid is low, the insurance company has determined the bid to be satisfactory.

**5. Approval of Addendum to Agreement with Gateway Services, Inc. D/B/A Access
Johnson County Public Transit**

Becky Allen, Director of Transportation, was present in the audience to answer any questions regarding the approval of the addendum to the agreement with Gateway Services, Inc.

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

7. Ordinance 2023-O-19: An Ordinance Amending Title 9 of the Johnson County Code of Ordinances – *First Reading*

Duane Burgess, Sheriff, was present to discuss Ordinance 2023-O-19.

Mr. West expressed concerns with the purpose of requiring a registration fee for golf carts.

Mr. Baird expressed concerns with the areas the golf carts will be allowed to be in use.

Mr. Walls moved to table this item to the next regularly scheduled Commissioners' Meeting to give time for further research. Mr. West seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

NEW & OLD BUSINESS

Claims and Credit Card

Mr. West had questions pertaining to certain credit card claims; all questions were answered satisfactorily.

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

Commissioners' Minutes

- 1. 7/10/2023 – Regular Meeting**
- 2. 7/10/2023 – ARPA Committee Meeting**

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

Appointment of Trustee to the Johnson Memorial Hospital Board

Mr. Walls moved to appoint Martin Umbarger as a Trustee to the Johnson Memorial Hospital Board. Mr. West seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

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

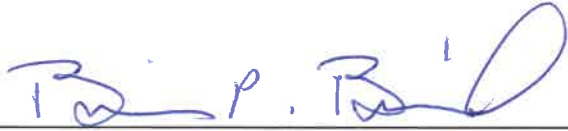
Mr. Walls expressed his thanks to the many volunteers and Fair Board members that made the 2023 Johnson County Fair a great week.

Mr. Baird congratulated Jenna Kelsay for being chosen as Miss Johnson County 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Kevin Walls



Ron West

Attest:

Elizabeth A. Alvey
Auditor

