

COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President, Jonathan T. Myers.

A. Call the Meeting to Order

1. Roll Call

The following members were present: Pamela Burton, John Mallers, Ron Deer, Melinda Griesemer, John Myers, and John Ditmars.

2. Invocation

Ms. Griesemer gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of the 11/13/2023 Agenda:

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers noted the following changes to the agenda:

- *Add transfer request from Juvenile Detention Center as item C15*
- *Add review of Mike Reuter's contract for 2024 as item F6*

Ms. Griesemer made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. Public Comments (5 minute time limit)

There were no public comments.

B. Approval of Ordinance 2023-07 (Second Reading) – An Ordinance Granting Recorder's Request to Use Monies from the Recorder's Records Perpetuation Fund to Pay the Recorder's Operating Expenses, Recorder's Office Salaries, PERF, and Social Security in 2024

Ms. Griesemer moved to approve Ordinance 2023-07 as presented on second reading. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

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. Deer moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

1. Approval of 10/9/23 Special Meeting Minutes

2. Approval of 10/9/23 Regular Meeting Minutes

3. Animal Shelter (#4008)

(a) From: 4008.31500.00000.0219	Travel & Training	\$	(2,000.00)
To: 4008.44000.00000.0219	Office Equipment	\$	2,000.00

4. Comm Corr/Juvenile Project Income (#4950)

(a) AA: 4950.11400.00000.0216	Part Time	\$	12,000.00
(b) AA: 4950.14200.00000.0216	Fica-Social Security	\$	1,000.00
(c) From: 4950.31000.00000.0216	Professional Services	\$	(500.00)
To: 4950.21500.00000.0216	Office Supplies	\$	500.00

(d) From: 4950.31000.00000.0216	Professional Services	\$	(500.00)
To: 4950.25801.00000.0216	Food	\$	500.00
5. <u>Alternative Dispute Resolution (#2201)</u>			
(a) From: 2201.21500.00000.0389	Office Supplies	\$	(2,000.00)
From: 2201.40100.00000.0389	Office Equipment/Furniture	\$	(3,000.00)
To: 2201.31000.00000.0389	Professional Services	\$	5,000.00
6. <u>Comm Corr Adult Grant 2023 (#9142)</u>			
(a) From: 9142.11009.00000.0208	Programs Manager	\$	(2,677.63)
From: 9142.11110.00000.0208	Case Manager (1)	\$	(15,000.00)
From: 9142.11431.00000.0208	Field Officer (1)	\$	(2,031.60)
From: 9142.11434.00000.0208	Field Officer (2)	\$	(132.68)
To: 9142.35000.00000.0208	Equipment Lease	\$	19,841.94
(b) From: 9142.11110.00000.0208	Case Manager (1)	\$	(5,000.00)
To: 9142.31000.00000.0208	Professional Services	\$	5,000.00
7. <u>VASIA Guardianship Fees (#4203)</u>			
(a) AA: 4203.21600.00000.0454	Operating Supplies (new)	\$	634.86
(b) AA: 4203.21001.00000.0454	Volunteer Favors	\$	1,000.00
8. <u>Inspection Fees – New Subdivisions (#4901)</u>			
(a) AA: 4901.30300.00000.0276	Inspection & Testing	\$	90,000.00
9. <u>16.585 Drug Court Adult 22 (#8252)</u>			
(a) From: 8252.21600.00000.0138	Operating Supplies	\$	(1,770.00)
To: 8252.14400.00000.0138	Emp Group Health Insurance	\$	1,770.00
10. <u>Title IV-D Juvenile Court (#1001-0137)</u>			
(a) From: 1001.36000.00000.0137	Equipment Repair/Maint	\$	(1,500.00)
To: 1001.21500.00000.0137	Office Supplies	\$	1,500.00
11. <u>Clerk (#1001-0101)</u>			
(a) From: 1001.21500.00000.0101	Office Supplies	\$	(2,000.00)
To: 1001.44000.00000.0101	Office Equipment	\$	2,000.00
12. <u>Circuit Court (#1001-0131)</u>			
(a) From: 1001.30030.00000.0131	Expert Fees & Services	\$	(4,000.00)
To: 1001.44000.00000.0131	Office Equipment	\$	4,000.00
13. <u>User Fee/Jury Fee (#2501)</u>			
(a) AA: 2501.39101.00000.0131	Jury Expenses	\$	5,000.00
14. <u>Superior Court #4 (#1001-0145)</u>			
(a) From: 1001.31500.00000.0145	Travel & Training	\$	(1,000.00)
From: 1001.30040.00000.0145	Appellate Services	\$	(800.00)
From: 1001.30030.00000.0145	Expert Fees & Services	\$	(4,000.00)
From: 1001.30020.00000.0145	Indigent Legal Services	\$	(3,000.00)
From: 1001.36000.00000.0145	Equipment Repair & Maint	\$	(700.00)
To: 1001.40100.00000.0145	Office Equipment/Furniture	\$	9,500.00

15. Juvenile Detention Center (#1001-0140)

(a) From: 1001.31000.00000.0140 Professional Services	\$	(2,000.00)
To: 1001.44100.00000.0140 Misc Equipment	\$	2,000.00

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

1. Superior Court #1 (#1001-0132)

Superior Court #1 Judge, Kevin Barton, was present to request a transfer of funds to purchase a new lectern for the courtroom. He also requested to pay \$75/hour for a part time Attorney/Law Clerk. He explained this particular person had worked for him previously and she will be working on an "as needed basis" for the remainder of the calendar year.

Brief discussion was held regarding the timeline and effect on the current available funds for the part time Attorney/Law Clerk.

Mr. Mallers moved to approve the request as presented. Mrs. Burton seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

(1a) From: 1001.32000.00000.0132 Dues & Subscriptions	\$	(138.00)
From: 1001.31500.00000.0132 Travel & Training	\$	(475.00)
From: 1001.31200.00000.0132 Printing	\$	(500.00)
From: 1001.19900.00000.0132 Overtime	\$	(2,000.00)
From: 1001.11400.00000.0132 Part Time	\$	(1,000.00)
To: 1001.44000.00000.0132 Office Equipment	\$	4,113.00

(1b) 1001.11400.00000.0132 – Part Time – request an hourly rate up to \$75 for an Attorney/Law Clerk

2. 16.588 STOP Grant 2023-2024 (#8224) retro to 10/1/23

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers stated he had spoken with Lance Hamner, Prosecuting Attorney. This request is to appropriate this grant for a Deputy Prosecutor for the remainder of the year.

Amy Thompson, First Deputy Auditor, further explained this position was approved to be paid from the General Fund in their 2024 budget. This grant's fiscal year is from October to September. The Prosecutor's Office was awarded this grant for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, but will only be using it during the first quarter (October – December 2023) to pay this position, then this position will be paid from the General Fund starting in January 2024. She added the move was based on the reporting and restrictions associated with the grant.

Mrs. Burton made a motion to approve the request as presented, retro to 10/1/23. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

(2a) AA: 8224.11023.00000.0108 Deputy Prosecutor (10)	\$	11,075.55
(2b) 8224.11023.00000.0108 – Deputy Prosecutor (10) - Annual salary of \$44,302; max bi-weekly pay of \$1,703.92		

3. Board of Commissioners (#1001-0122)

Barb Davis, County Coordinator, was present to request an additional appropriation and transfer of funds for their Professional Liability & Casualty line item. She explained the additional funds are needed to pay for the insurance renewal of 11/1/23 on liability, crime, workers comp, cyber, and administration fees. She noted the County is self-funded for the workers comp claims and this line item is always hard to budget, not knowing what is going to happen during the budgeted year.

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

(3a) AA: 1001.34200.00000.0122	Prof Liability & Casualty	\$	175,000.00
(3b) From: 1001.14200.00000.0122	Fica-Social Security	\$	(40,000.00)
From: 1001.14300.00000.0122	Perf	\$	(20,000.00)
To: 1001.34200.00000.0122	Prof Liability & Casualty	\$	60,000.00

4. 21.027 American Rescue Plan (#8950-0122)

Mrs. Davis was also present for this request for an additional appropriation to pay for cost overruns in the construction of the Animal Shelter Expansion. She noted this has already been approved by the ARPA Committee.

Ms. Griesemer motioned to approve the request as presented. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

(4a) AA: 8950.40004.00000.0122	Animal Shelter Expansion	\$	45,345.43
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5. Sheriff/CIT (#8950-0155)

Andy Barnhart, Chief Deputy Sheriff, was present to request an additional appropriation to cover the architects' fees, which were missed in the original appropriation amount. He noted the original request was approved by the ARPA Committee.

Adam Gadberry, County Attorney, noted this additional funding was reviewed and approved by the Commissioners to keep the project moving along.

Mr. Ditmars moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

(5a) AA: 8950.42700.00000.0155	Capital Improvements	\$	53,000.00
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6. Sheriff/Jail (#1001-0124)

Mr. Barnhart was also present to request a transfer of funds, remarking they didn't need the money for planned Capital Improvements, so they are going to use the funds to purchase additional supplies, such as toilet paper, cleaning supplies, and hygiene items, to stock the jail with.

Ms. Griesemer motioned to approve the request as presented. Mr. Deer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

(6a) From: 1001.42700.00000.0124	Capital Improvements	\$	(15,000.00)
To: 1001.21600.00000.0124	Operating Supplies	\$	15,000.00

E. Other Business

1. Approval of Resolution 2023-08 – A Resolution Transferring Unspent Funds from Community Corrections Adult Grant 2021 (fund # 9165) to Community Corrections Adult Grant 2023 (fund #9142)

Steve Kermode, Assistant Director, was present to request approval of Resolution 2023-08.

Adam Gadberry, County Attorney, commented the State of Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) recently made a change in their process. Once the grant period is done, in lieu of issuing and mailing a check back to IDOC, the funds will remain with the County and the amount will be deducted from the next grant cycle's payment schedule. He explained this resolution is needed to get the remaining funds in

the correct fund; moving forward it should correct itself because the grant will alternate fund numbers every two years.

Brief discussion was held regarding the reasoning behind the changes for the process to maintain the funding and the audit requirements.

Mrs. Burton moved to approve the request as presented. Ms. Griesemer seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

F. Old & New Business

1. Sheriff - Discussion of Axon 5-year Contract starting in 2024

Mr. Barnhart was present to clarify this request, which is a little unusual on how it is being done, but it is for a good reason. He stated he is not requesting any funding tonight, and didn't put it in their 2024 budget, because he was unaware of this offer. He then explained the current contract with Axon will expire in July 2024; however, the company has provided an offer to renew the contract in 2023 to avoid the large price increases that will be coming for contracts signed in 2024. He added the contract pays for the following items: body cameras, tasers, storage of all footage in interview rooms and body cameras for retention and evidence purposes, and new dash cameras for the Sheriff's vehicle fleet.

It was the consensus of the Council for Mr. Barnhart to move forward with the contract.

2. Approval of Sheriff's Salary Contract for 2024

Mr. Barnhart was also present to request approval of the Sheriff's Salary Contract for 2024.

Mrs. Burton made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Discussion Regarding Board Appointments for 2024

Mrs. Thompson expressed she needed guidance from the Council members on how they wanted her to proceed with these. She first asked if they wanted her to advertise the open boards for applicants.

It was the consensus of the Council members to advertise the board positions.

Secondly, Mrs. Thompson asked if they wanted to make these appointments at their December meeting instead of at their January meeting, noting the terms end December 31st and some boards may meet prior to the Council's January meeting.

Mr. Gadberry commented the Commissioners make their appointments towards the end of the year; however, based on the applicants they receive, they may wait until a later meeting. He suggested if agreeable, the Council can shoot for their December meeting to make board appointments and if needed they can push them (or some of them) until their January meeting.

The Council members were in agreement with making the appointments at the December meeting, with the possibility of it being pushed until their January meeting.

Mrs. Thompson then asked if they wanted the applicants to attend the meeting either in person or via zoom.

It was the consensus of the Council members for the applicants to attend the meeting either in person or via zoom.

Tiffany Costley, Assistant County Attorney, noted there was a change in statute and the Council now needs to make an appointment to the Health Board. She noted previously the Commissioners had this appointment, and there is a current person appointed whose term ends December 31, 2023.

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers stated he would like to have each board appointee give either monthly or quarterly reports to the Council.

Brief discussion was held regarding how this can be done. It was indicated that most boards do minutes and have a website. Instead of getting reports, the Council could request to be included on the email thread of the minutes. The attorneys would do some further research on the matter.

Mr. Deer suggested posting the appointments in the Daily Journal in the same format as the Commissioners.

It was the consensus of the Council to plan to review board appointments in December and postpone appointments as needed based on when applications are received.

4. Approval of the 2024 Council Meeting Schedule

Mrs. Thompson pointed out there are two days when the meeting dates fall on a Tuesday, due to the County being closed on the Monday for a holiday.

Brief discussion was held regarding the day the meeting was held.

Mr. Ditmars moved to approve the 2024 Council Meeting Schedule as presented. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. Discussion on the Current Rules of the Johnson County Council

Mr. Gadberry noted any rule changes will require a first and second reading. He then presented a draft of proposed changes to the current rules of the Council based on concerns that have been expressed by Council members throughout the year.

Brief discussion was held regarding the attendance requirements and the means for virtual attendance.

Mr. Ditmars noted there are many things to consider and this discussion should be continued at the December Council meeting after the Council has had time to further review the proposed changes and desires expressed in the discussion.

It was the consensus of the Council to continue the discussion of possible changes to the current rules of the Johnson County Council at their December meeting.

6. 2024 Contract for Mike Reuter (financial consultant)

Mr. Gadberry noted the Commissioners would actually approve the contract; however, he wanted the Council to review it since they pay his invoices from their budget. He added there was a 2.5% increase being requested.

The Council members agreed Mr. Reuter was well worth the amount in the contract and approved for it to be presented to the Commissioners.

G. Adjournment – Next regular meeting December 4, 2023

There being no further business, Mrs. Burton moved to adjourn. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

November 13, 2023 – Regular Meeting Minutes


Pamela Burton, Council Member


John Mellers, Council Member


Ron Deer, Council Member

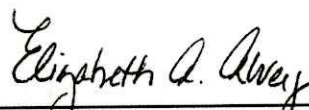

Jonathan T. Myers, Council Member


Melinda Griesemer, Council Member


John Myers, Council Member


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John Ditmars, Council Member

Attest:


Elizabeth A. Alvey, Johnson County Auditor