

COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024

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

INVOCATION

Mr. West gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Baird led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPENING OF SEALED BIDS FOR JOHNSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT –
CORONER'S OFFICE FURNITURE**

Adam Gadberry, County Attorney, read the following bids received for the Johnson County Health Department – Coroners' Office Furniture Project:

- 1) Office 360 - \$145,722.58
- 2) Commercial Office Environments, Inc. - \$149,951.96
- 3) RJE Business Interiors - \$153,725.92

Mr. Walls moved to forward the bids to Wes Harrison, Project Manager, for review and recommendation at the next regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

JOHNSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY: 2023 Year in Review and Library Updates

Lisa Litner, JCPL Director, and Kirk Bixler, Secretary of the JCPL Board of Trustees, were present to provide an update on the Library's activities in 2023.

Mrs. Litner highlighted many programs and activities offered by JCPL in 2023, noting the launch of their new "Book Mobile" which is a mobile library that brings materials and books to different areas within the County. She added there were around 1.2 million items circulated in 2023.

Mr. Bixler presented the 5 year strategy for JCPL which included welcoming users, creating connections, and inspiring excitement.

The Commissioners' thanked them for the update and review of 2023.

SOLENTIAL ENERGY: Presentation

Patrick O'Donnel, Regional Sales Director, was present to discuss Solential Energy's background and extend an invitation to open discussion regarding energy debt within County Courthouses, Jails, and Wastewater Treatment Facilities. He noted the company could provide a no cost assessment upon request.

The Commissioners' thanked him for this information and would consider having further discussions in the future.

NEEDHAM FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

A. Resolution 2024-R-1: Resolution Approving Increase to Maximum Ad Valorem Property Tax Levy by Needham Fire Protection District

Jeff Peters, Financial Advisor, was present to review the request to increase the maximum tax levy for Needham Fire Protection District. He explained the district initially made the request due to an increase in population. He then explained that the district found out last week that they are no longer eligible for this increase due to the change in calculation by census population released by the Department of Local Government and Finance.

Mr. Baird noted this item has been pulled from the agenda for approval per the District's request.

B. Resolution 2024-R-2: Resolution Approval Increase Establishing Cumulative Firefighting Building and Equipment Fund by Needham Fire Protection District

Mr. Peters was also present for the approval of Resolution 2024-R-2. He explained this Resolution will raise the tax rate for the Cumulative Fire Building and Equipment Fund from 0.0299 to the statutory maximum of 0.0333. He noted an example of the impact to taxpayers would amount to a \$4.40 increase per year for a Homestead eligible home with an assessed value of \$246,500. This increase would take effect for the property taxes payable in 2025.

Mr. West moved to approve Resolution 2024-R-2 as presented. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. Public Safety Communications

1. Approval to Attend the National APCO Conference in Orlando, Florida, August 4th thru 7th, 2024

Heath Brant, Director, was present to request approval to attend the National APCO Conference in Orlando, Florida, August 4th thru 7th. He added his request included his own attendance as well as the Training Coordinator as well as one Dispatcher.

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

B. Prosecutor

1. Approval to Apply for ICJI VOCA 2024-2026 Grant Application

No one was present on behalf of this request.

Mr. Walls moved to approve the request to apply for the ICJI VOCA 2024-2026 grant application as presented. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

C. Emergency Management

1. Approval to Approach Council for Appropriation for a New Budget Line Item

Stephanie Sichting, Director, was present to request approval to approach Council for the creation of a new Food line item in her department's budget to provide food to those that will be staffed on site for the upcoming Total Solar Eclipse. She noted she will transfer existing funds within her budget rather than requesting additional appropriations.

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

D. Highway

1. Approval and Execution of Bridge 136 Amendment 1

Daniel Johnston, Highway Engineer, was present to request approval and execution of Bridge 136 Amendment 1 to add \$7,663 to the contract as a result of delays in a utility company during the project. He noted Bridge 136 is located on Peterman Road about halfway between Fairview Road and County Line Road.

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

2. Final Acceptance of Bridge 136 and Execution of INDOT Form IC-639

Mr. Johnston remained before the Commissioners to request final acceptance of the Bridge 136 project and execution of INDOT Form IC-639 for contract of final inspection. He added this procedure is standard for closing out a project.

Mr. West moved to approve the final acceptance and execution of INDOT Form IC-639 as presented. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Approval and Execution of Change Orders #1 thru #6 for Stones Crossing and Saddle Club Roundabout

Mr. Johnston was also present for the approval and execution of Change Orders #1 thru #6 for the Stones Crossing and Saddle Club Roundabout.

Mr. Walls moved to approve Change Orders #1 thru #6 as presented. Mr. West seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

4. Approval to Approach Council for Additional Appropriations

Luke Mastin, Highway Supervisor, was present for approval to approach Council for additional appropriations to fund the 2023-2024 Community Crossing Project for the paving of Morgantown Road.

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

E. Board of Commissioners

1. Appointment of Board Member to Amity Fire Protection District Board

Mr. Baird noted no applications have been received for this opening.

Mr. Walls moved to allow 30 days for applications to be received for the open position and if none are received in that time period then make this Board Member position opening an At-Large Seat. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. Resolution 2024-R-3: A Resolution to Assign 2022 Tax Sale Certificate #41-2200090 to the City of Franklin, Indiana Pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-24-9 and § 36-1-11-8 and the Assignment of Tax Sale Certificate No. 41-2200090

Mr. West moved to approve Resolution 2024-R-3 as presented. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Approval of White Oak Construction Change Order #7 for the Sheriff Training Building Renovation Project

Mr. Baird noted Change Order #7 for the Sheriff Training Building Renovation Project was within realm.

Mr. Walls moved to approve Change Order #7 as presented. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Approval of AIA Agreement with Elevatus Architecture for Community Corrections, Work Release, and Adult Probation Facility Project

Mr. Walls moved to approve the AIA Agreement with Elevatus Architecture, pending legal. Mr. West seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

5. Approval to Addendum to Agreement with Advanced Restoration Contractors, Inc. for the Courthouse Tornado Damage Repairs Project

Mr. Walls moved to approve the addendum to the agreement with Advanced Restoration Contractors, Inc., pending legal. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. Approval of Amendment-Renewal Agreement with LexisNexis

Mr. Walls moved to approve the Amendment-Renewal Agreement with LexisNexis as presented. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

7. Ratification of DeWees Construction, Inc. Change Orders #1 and #2 for the Crisis Intervention Team Addition Project

Mr. Walls moved to ratify Change Orders #1 and #2 for the Crisis Intervention Team Addition Project as presented. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW & OLD BUSINESS

Claims and Credit Card

Mr. West noted the Auditor's Office answered the questions he had this morning.

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

Commissioners' Minutes

1. 3/14/2024 – Executive Session

2. 3/18/2024 – Executive Session with Johnson Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees

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

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

Heath Brant, 911 Director, came before the Commissioners' with Michelle Coy, Dispatcher, to announce her retirement and thank her for her 29 years of full-time service to Johnson County. He noted the average career of a dispatcher is 5.5 years. He added that Mrs. Coy has been an asset to the department and entered around 60,000 calls of service.

The Commissioners' thanked her for her service to Johnson County.

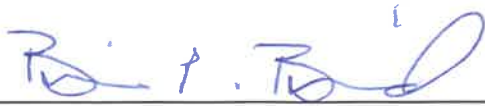
Mr. Baird suggesting drafting a letter of appreciation for Mrs. Coy's years of service.

Mr. West noted the upcoming meeting at 11:00 a.m. with the State of Indiana Health Department and invited all to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Brian Baird



Kevin Walls



Ron West

Attest:
Elizabeth A. Alvey
Auditor

