

COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024

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

INVOCATION

Mr. Baird gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Baird then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING OF SEALED BIDS FOR JOHNSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE ROOFTOP UNIT REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Adam Gadberry, County Attorney, read the following bid received for the Johnson County Courthouse Rooftop Unit Replacement Project:

1. Irish Mechanical Service, Inc. - \$352,551.00

Mr. Walls moved to give the bid to Mr. Baird and Jason Miller, Courthouse Maintenance Director, for review and recommendation. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

RESOLUTION 2024-R-4: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CUMULATIVE FIRE FUND FOR WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Jeremy Pell, White River Fire Chief, and Benjamin Roeger, Financial Accountant, appeared before the Commissioners to request approval of Resolution 2024-R-4.

Mr. Pell requested to reestablish the Cumulative Fire Fund at the statutory maximum for the upcoming budget year. He explained this is the next step needed before approaching the County Council in the fall for the 2025 budget request.

Mr. Walls moved to approve Resolution 2024-R-4 as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. Planning & Zoning

1. Berry Chase Section 2 – Subdivision Plan Approval and Contract Acceptance

Richard Hoover, Planning Engineer, was present the Commissioners to request approval of the Berry Chase Section 2 subdivision plans and acceptance of the testing and inspection contracts. He noted all necessary documentation has been received.

Mr. Walls moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

2. Meadows at Belleview Section 3 – Subdivision Plan Approval and Contract Acceptance

Mr. Hoover was also present to request approval of the Meadows at Belleview Section 3 subdivision plans and acceptance of the contract. He noted all documentation was received except for the recorded sanitation sewer agreement with the City of Greenwood which is awaiting signature by the applicant.

Mr. Walls moved to approve the request, pending the signed recorded agreement as discussed. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

3. Lennar Homes of Indiana, LLC – Deerfield Section 1 – Final Plat and Bonds

Michele Hansard, Director, came before the Commissioners to request approval of the final plat and performance and maintenance bonds for the Deerfield Section 1 subdivision with Lennar Homes of Indiana, LLC.

Mr. Walls moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

B. Animal Shelter

1. Approval to Attend Prairie States Animal Welfare Conference in Bloomington, Illinois, June 2nd thru 4th, 2024

Cari Klotzsche, Director, was present to request approval for the Shelter Manager, one Animal Control Officer, and herself to attend the annual Prairie States Animal Welfare Conference in Bloomington, Illinois in June.

Mr. Walls moved to approve the request to attend the conference as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

2. Approval of Johnson County Animal Shelter Mission Statement

Mrs. Klotzsche remained before the Commissioners to request approval of the Johnson County Animal Shelter Mission Statement. She explained that it has recently become standard among grant applications to require a mission statement.

The requested Johnson County Animal Shelter Mission Statement is:

“Providing animals who have been abandoned, abused or neglected within Johnson County with protection, sanctuary, and compassionate care. Prioritizing an animal’s well-being and advocating for happy healthy second chances.”

Mr. Walls moved to approve the Johnson County Animal Shelter Mission Statement as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

C. Parks

1. Approval for Hyeron Project Annual Launch on September 7th, 2024

Kevin Leonard, Park Superintendent, was present to request approval for the Hyeron Project Annual Launch event on September 7th, 2024. He noted this group has submitted all required paperwork and has always been mindful of the horse show schedule.

Mr. Walls moved to approve the event as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

2. Approval to Approach Council for Appropriation of Phelps Charitable Fund

3. Approval of Rural Smith's Outdoor Porch Enclosure

Mr. Leonard was also present to request approval to approach Council to appropriate funds out of the Phelps Charitable Fund for the Rural Smith's to purchase various materials and tools. He noted this fund is dedicated for their use.

Mr. Leonard also requested approval to enclose the outdoor porch on the Rural Smith's building and noted the funding would come from the Phelps Charitable Fund.

Mr. Walls moved to approve both requests as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

D. Health

1. Approval to Attend the National Environmental Health Association Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, July 15th thru 18th, 2024

Betsy Swearingen, Director, came before the Commissioners' to request approval for two employees to attend the National Environmental Health Association Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Brief discussion was held regarding the form of travel to the conference.

Mr. Walls suggested flying to the conference as it involves less risk and the price is similar to the cost to drive.

Mr. Walls then moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

2. Discussion of Johnson County WIC Opening a New Location in Greenwood

Mrs. Swearingen remained before the Commissioners to discuss Johnson County WIC opening a new location in Greenwood. She explained that Tracy Smith, Johnson County WIC Coordinator, was approached by the State of Indiana to open another WIC location in Greenwood due to increased needs within the area.

Mr. Walls suggested future discussion with the State of Indiana regarding this matter.

Mrs. Swearingen said she would send the contact at the State of Indiana to the Commissioners later this morning.

Mr. Walls moved to approve further discussion regarding opening a Johnson County WIC location in Greenwood. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

E. Highway

1. Ordinance 2024-O-4: An Ordinance Regulating Maximum Speed Limits Along County Road 144 in the Town of Bargersville – First Reading

Daniel Johnston, Highway Engineer, was present for the first reading of Ordinance 2024-O-4. He noted this Ordinance would reduce the speed limit on County Road 144 between 450 W and 400 W from 50mph to 45mph as well as set the speed limit on County Road 144 to 40mph from 400W to just East of the Town of Bargersville's 30mph zone.

Mr. Walls moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2024-O-4 as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

2. Approval and Execution of Clark School Road Project Amendment 1

Mr. Johnston was also present to request approval and execution of the Clark School Road Project Amendment 1. He noted this project is located in Clark Township on 700 N. He then explained GAI Consultants have come across a number of unforeseen issues so far. He said the project cost would increase by \$40,050.00.

Mr. Walls noted the extra requirements with federal projects.

Mr. Walls then moved to approve the Clark School Road Project Amendment 1 as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

F. Board of Commissioners

1. Appointment of Hearing Officer and Hearing Date Set – Pleasant Township Trustee Appeal

Mr. Walls moved to appoint Commissioner Ron West as the Hearing Officer and set the hearing date for the Pleasant Township Trustee Appeal for Tuesday, April 30th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

2. Ratification of Wurster Construction Company, Inc. Change Order #014 for Johnson County Behavioral Health Building Project

Mr. Walls noted Wes Harrison, Project Manager, is working with the company and some of the costs included with Change Order #014 will be compensated by the architect.

Mr. Walls then moved to approve Change Order #014 for the Johnson County Behavioral Health Building Project as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

NEW & OLD BUSINESS

Claims & Credit Card

Mr. Walls moved to approve the claims and credit card claims as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

Commissioners' Minutes

1. 3/25/2024 – Special Meeting

2. 4/9/2024 – Regular Meeting

Mr. Walls moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

Mr. Walls added the Special Meeting with the Indiana Department of Health on March 25th, 2024 went very well.

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

Mrs. Swearingen talked about the Angel Care Gala in Trafalgar, Indiana on Saturday, April 20th, 2024. She said the event went well and they offer great service for young mothers in Johnson County.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Brian Baird



Kevin Walls



Ron West

Attest:

Elizabeth A. Alvey
Auditor

