

COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President, Rob Henderson.

A. Call the Meeting to Order

1. Roll Call

The following members were present: Melinda Griesemer, Pete Ketchum, Jim Ison, John Myers, Ron Deer, and Jonathan T. Myers.

2. Invocation

Mr. Ketchum gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Henderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of 1/10/22 Agenda

Mr. Henderson noted they have received two revised letters; one from VASIA (item E4) and one from Drug Free (item E7).

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, acknowledging the revised letters. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

5. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

B. Nomination and Election:

Council President

Ms. Griesemer made a motion to nominate Mr. Jonathan T. Myers as Council President.

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers appreciated the nomination, but declined it.

Mr. John Myers made a motion to nominate Mr. Ison as Council President. Mr. Jonathan T. Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Council Vice-President

Mr. John Myers made a motion to nominate Mr. Jonathan T. Myers as Council Vice-President. Mr. Deer seconded the motion; the motion unanimously carried.

C. Appointments:

Local Alcoholic Beverage Board

Mr. Ison stated the current appointment is David Q. Maurer II and he has expressed interest in remaining on this board. He noted they also had interest forms from Lisa Dillow, Ronald Ping, and Michael Mascari. He asked if any of these applicants were in the audience or online and wanted to speak; no one spoke up.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to re-appoint David Q. Maurer II to the Local Alcoholic Beverage Board. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Board of Zoning Appeals (Alternate)

Mr. Ison stated they had four applicants for this appointment: Paul Clodfelter (current appointment), Eric Passmore, Jim Oxley, and Ronald Ping. He asked if any of these applicants were in the audience or online and wanted to speak; no one spoke up.

Ms. Griesemer made a motion to re-appoint Paul Clodfelter as the alternate member to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Ketchum seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA) Member and rate of compensation for 2021

Mr. Ison stated the current appointment is Donna Zelner and she is seeking to be re-appointed; they also have three other applicants.

Mr. John Myers noted this appointment requires a certification and Ms. Zelner is the only qualified applicant. He then moved to re-appoint Donna Zelner to the PTABOA. Ms. Griesemer seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

2022 per diem rate of compensation for PTABOA members are as follows:

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve the rate of compensation per day as follows:

- *\$350.00 per day for each day for members with Certified Level 2 or Level 3 Assessor/Appraiser designation*
- *\$100.00 per day for each day for members without Certified Level 2 or Level 3 Assessor/Appraiser designation*

Mr. John Myers seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

Edinburgh Economic Development Board

Mr. Ison stated the only applicant for this board is Wade Watson.

Mr. Ketchum made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Watson to the Edinburgh Economic Development Board. Mr. Henderson seconded the motion that unanimously carried.

Mr. Deer expressed he found it interesting this applicant could live anywhere in the county; they did not have to live in Edinburgh.

Greenwood City Economic Development Commission

Mr. Ison stated Laura Jacquin was the current appointment to this Board. He noted in addition to Mrs. Jacquin, they also received interest forms from Jim Oxley and Steven Kennedy. He asked if any of these applicants were in the audience or online and wanted to speak; Mr. Kennedy, via zoom, introduced himself and listed his qualifications for this board.

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers asked Shena Johnson, County Attorney, if the applicant had to live in the City of Greenwood.

Mrs. Johnson replied the applicant could either live or own a business in the City of Greenwood; Mrs. Jacquin owns a business.

Mr. Henderson motioned to re-appoint Laura Jacquin to the Greenwood City Economic Development Commission. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Johnson County Redevelopment Commission

Mr. Ison stated the current appointment is R. Lee Money. He noted in addition to Mr. Money, they also received interest forms from Jim Oxley, Lisa Dillow, Ronald Ping, Michael Chiappetta, and Andy Hensley. He asked if any of these applicants were in the audience or online and wanted to speak; no one spoke up.

Mr. John Myers moved to re-appoint R. Lee Money to the Johnson County Redevelopment Commission. Mr. Henderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Edinburgh-Wright-Hageman Library

Mr. Ison noted the current appointment was not interested in being re-appointed and they only have one applicant, Pamela Burton.

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers made a motion to appoint Mrs. Burton to the Edinburgh-Wright-Hageman Library. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Plan Commission (Council Member)

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers moved to nominate Mr. Ketchum as the council member representative to the Plan Commission again. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

Plan Commission Alternate (Council Member)

Mr. John Myers moved to nominate Mr. Jonathan T. Myers as the alternate council member representative to the Plan Commission again. Mr. Henderson seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

Emergency Management Advisory Council (Council Member)

Mr. John Myers moved to re-appoint Mr. Deer as the council member representative on the Emergency Management Advisory Council Board. Mr. Jonathan T. Myers seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

Solid Waste Management District (Council Member)

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers made a motion to re-appoint Mr. John Myers as the council member representative on the Solid Waste Board. Mr. Deer seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

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

1. Approval of 12/6/21 Regular Meeting Minutes

2. Enhanced Access (#1154)

(a) From: 1154.31000.000.104	Professional Services	\$ (1,000.00)
To: 1154.36000.000.104	Equipment Repair & Maintenance (new)	\$ 1,000.00

3. 93.268 Imm & Vac Child COVID (#8912)

(a) From: 8912.21500.000.210	Office Supplies	\$ (1,716.75)
To: 8912.33100.000.210	Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	\$ 1,716.75

4. County Health (#1159)

(a) AA: 1159.33100.000.210	Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	\$ 3,928.25
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E. Salary Ordinance Amendments, Additional Appropriations, Reductions, and Transfers:

1. Statewide 911 (#1222)

Heath Brant, Director, was present to request an additional appropriation to purchase a new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) server solution. He noted he had sent them all information regarding this request.

Mr. Brant explained the server they currently use to run their CAD system and some other systems has been in service for over seven years now non-stop; they have had a lot of growth in the County and it has started to slow down and needs replaced. They need a bigger server and something more redundant. This will also allow for their movement to a backup center seamless.

Mr. John Myers asked what the life span of a server is.

Mr. Brant replied it depends on the size of the server; the one they are looking at is seven to ten years; however, as we grow, this server can easily grow in size.

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers inquired what happens to the existing server.

Mr. Brant answered he will need to talk to Chris Williams, IT/GIS Administrator, to see how it can be repurposed within the County.

Mr. Deer noted the 911 Board is in full support of this request.

Mr. Ison noted this is something that needs to be addressed and Mr. Brant has done a good job coming up with a solution.

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers asked when this new server would be online.

Mr. Brant responded if the funds are approved tonight, he would sign the agreement and order it tomorrow. It will take about four weeks to be implemented.

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

(1a) AA: 1222.31000.000.911 Professional Services \$ 155,620.70

2. Innkeepers Tax Collections (#7304)

Ken Kosky, Director of Tourism, was present to request their first quarterly appropriation of funds.

Mr. Ison asked how things were going.

Mr. Kosky replied with the first eleven months of hotel revenue in the books, they are already about \$200,000 above their best year ever. With one more month to go, he expects to exceed \$800,000. They plan to use this to do their biggest advertising campaigns ever. He stated they are going to open the Gatling Gauntlet Obstacle Course, which is located at the Johnson County Park. Mr. Kosky then noted their focus this year is moving on to something to do in the winter, specifically ice-skating. If they can't build a permanent ice skating facility this year, they are going to look at bringing in a temporary one to see if there is a demand.

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers asked if they had plans on opening an office in Greenwood.

Mr. Kosky replied they do not currently; however, they do supply the Greenwood City offices with their guides. They would be open to a satellite office, if the City would be interested in doing that at some point.

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers then asked about doing something at the Horse Park.

Mr. Kosky stated he did reach out to them and asked to be included in their tour.

Mr. Henderson motioned to approve the request as presented. Mr. Jonathan T. Myers seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

(2a) AA: 7304.31601.000.1127 *Operating Expenses* \$ 163,877.50

3. Park Non-Reverting Operating (#1179)

Kevin Leonard, Assistant Superintendent, was present to request an appropriation of funds into a line item that was erroneously missed during budget time. These funds will be used to pay for the lease payments of the Independence Park playground equipment.

Brief discussion was held regarding the playground.

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

(3a) AA: 1179.35000.000.273 *Equipment Lease (new)* \$ 92,500.00

Mr. Leonard stated he would be reaching out to them later with information regarding the tour for the Horse Park.

4. VASIA 2022 (#9138) *annual salary

Lauren Rynerson, Director, was present to request the appropriation of this grant for 2022.

Mr. Ison asked if this program was 100% grant funded.

Mrs. Rynerson replied no; her salary is paid from the General Fund and she is also provided office space.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve the request as amended and retro to 12/30/21. Mr. Jonathan T. Myers seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

(4a) 9138.10004.000.132 – Assistant Director – retro to 12/30/21 (with max bi-weekly salary of ~~\$1,670.77~~ \$1,638.00)

(4b) AA: 9138.10004.000.132	Assistant Director	\$	43,440.00 * 42,588.00
(4c) AA: 9138.14200.000.132	Fica-Social Security	\$	3,325.00
(4d) AA: 9138.14300.000.132	Perf	\$	4,870.00
(4e) AA: 9138.14400.000.132	Emp Group Health Insurance	\$	1,500.00
(4f) AA: 9138.21500.000.132	Office Supplies	\$	500.00
(4g) AA: 9138.31000.000.132	Professional Services	\$	5,000.00
(4h) AA: 9138.31200.000.132	Printing	\$	500.00 850.00
(4i) AA: 9138.31500.000.132	Travel & Training	\$	1,500.00 2,002.00
(4j) AA: 9138.32000.000.132	Dues & Subscriptions	\$	2,000.00
(4k) AA: 9138.35002.000.132	Advertising	\$	1,500.00
(4l) AA: 9138.36200.000.132	Communications	\$	720.00

5. Treasurer (#1157-103)

Michelle Ann Graves, Treasurer, was present to request a title change and salary change effective 12/30/21 per recommendation of Waggoner, Irwin, and Scheele.

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Deer seconded the motion, and noted he appreciated all of the documentation that was provided for this request. The motion unanimously carried.

(5a) 11321 – Deputy Treasurer – change title to “Office Manager/Deputy Treasurer”
 (5b) 1157.11321.000.103 – Office Manager/Deputy Treasurer – retro to 12/30/21; annual salary increase from \$41,063 to \$44,998 (with max bi-weekly salary of \$1,730.69)
 (5c) From: 1157.11400.000.103 Part Time \$ (3,935.00)
 To: 1157.11321.000.103 Office Manager/Deputy Treasurer \$ 3,935.00

6. Jail (#1001-124)

Andy Barnhart, Chief Deputy, was present to request a title change and increase in salary for a position; this was an oversight on their part during budget time. This request is to get this position in line with the duties being provided at the jail, along with their other responsibilities. He noted the Sheriff had sent out a letter previously to all council members with a more detailed explanation.

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

(6a) 12520 – Assistant Corporal – change title to “Sergeant (3)”
 (6b) 1001.12520.000.124 – Sergeant (3) – retro to 12/30/21; annual salary increase from \$45,702 to \$50,137 (with max bi-weekly salary of \$1,928.35)
 (6c) AA: 1001.12520.000.124 Sergeant (3) \$ 4,435.00

7. Drug Free Community (#1148)

Michelle McMahan, Coordinator, was present via zoom to request some additional appropriations and to let the Council know she would be back in March to ask for more funds. They have released their grant applications and they are due this Friday, then their grants committee will review them. She will be back in March to request those appropriations; she is excited to share they will be awarding over \$31,000 per the three categories this year. She is hoping they have some excellent applicants.

Mr. Ison asked if that was an increase from last year.

Mrs. McMahan replied yes; it is a record number. Which is good and bad, considering we get our funds assessed from drug offenses in Johnson County, but it is good because they use those monies to go back and impact the Prevention/Education, Law Enforcement, and Treatment opportunities in this community.

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers asked how this was divided among adults and children – or is it.

Mrs. McMahan answered it goes to both; she feels like it is pretty much an equal split.

Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve the requests as revised. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

~~(7a) AA: 1148.31000.000.331 Professional Services \$ 2,000.00~~
 (7a1) AA: 1148.21001.000.331 Volunteer Favors \$ 1,000.00
 (7a2) AA: 1148.21600.000.331 Operating Supplies \$ 1,000.00
 (7b) AA: 1148.34005.000.331 Administrative \$ 26,796.00

8. JC Redevelopment Commission (#4112)

Shena Johnson, County Attorney and Redevelopment Commission (RDC) Secretary, was present to request appropriations for their 2022 budget, since they did not do it at budget time.

Mr. Henderson noted, as the President of the RDC, they are in full support of this requested budget.

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

(8a) AA: 4112.21500.000.732	Office Supplies	\$ 1,000.00
(8b) AA: 4112.31000.000.732	Professional Services	\$ 35,000.00
(8c) AA: 4112.31500.000.732	Travel & Training	\$ 500.00
(8d) AA: 4112.35002.000.732	Advertising	\$ 1,000.00

F. Other Business

1. Approval of Ordinance 2022-J-01: A Joint Ordinance amending Ordinance 2015-J-01 for Business Travel

Mrs. Johnson was also present for this request. She explained this a joint ordinance with both the Commissioners and the Council. She noted in conjunction with Judge Peter Nugent (Superior Court #2), Brandi Foster Kirkendall (Court Administrator), Joe Villanueva (Prosecutor), Daylon Welliver (Chief Deputy Prosecutor), and the Commissioners - they revised this to be more in line to what they felt was more appropriate as prices go up and as other changes are needed.

Mr. Ison asked about lodging; it looks like the \$100 limitation per night was taken out and is now what is reasonable to the Elected Official/Department Head and Commissioners.

Mrs. Johnson replied it is actually what the conference room rate is. Typically, when there is a conference, there is a room rate for a block of rooms, which often exceeds the \$100.

Mr. Ison then asked what if it is just a training and not a conference; therefore, no conference rate.

Mrs. Johnson responded she was unsure; it wasn't considered honestly. However, the request for an overnight stay would still need to come before the Commissioners, so at that point, they would address this issue and it would be at the discretion of the Commissioners.

Mr. Deer inquired about the meal allowance. It is limited to \$55.00 per day except for the first and last day, which is less (only \$41.25 per day).

Mrs. Johnson answered that is how the GSA (General Services Administration) sets it up; she is unsure of the reasoning.

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers asked if this ordinance pertains to all county departments.

Mrs. Johnson replied yes; this will actually be going into the employee handbook, which everyone will be following (as per collaboration efforts with the Judges and Prosecutor).

Brief discussion was held regarding extradition and state-called meetings, which both have their own Indiana Codes they follow.

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-J-01 as presented. Mr. Deer seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

G. Old & New Business

There was no old or new business discussed.

H. Adjournment – Next regular meeting February 14, 2022

Mr. Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. John Myers seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

January 10, 2022 – Regular Meeting Minutes



James Ison, Council President



Jonathan T. Myers, Council Vice-President



Melinda Griesemer, Council Member



Pete Ketchum, Council Member



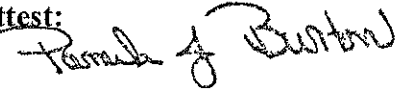
John Myers, Council Member



Ron Deer, Council Member



Rob Henderson, Council Member

Attest:


Pamela J. Burton, Johnson County Auditor