

**COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING- MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022**

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

**INVOCATION**

Mr. West led the Invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Baird led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPENING OF SEALED BIDS FOR JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S STORAGE BUILDING ADDITION PROJECT**

Shena Johnson, County Attorney, stated there had been a mandatory pre-bid meeting that was held last week. All of the firms participating in this meeting stated they needed more time to assemble their bids. She said the bid date has been pushed back to April 11, 2022. Mrs. Johnson recommended any other firms hearing this today that are interested in bidding for this project should contact her and she will connect them to a pre-bid meeting. Mrs. Johnson stated the opening of the bids will be April 11, 2022.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**A. Park**

**1. Approval of Big Bounce Fun House Agreements for 05/14/2022, 06/24/2022, and 10/08/2022 Events**

Mr. West made a motion to table this request; he stated there was further information needed before consideration and approval. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**B. Public Safety Communication**

**1. Approval to Attend the National APCO Conference, August 5 thru August 10, 2022, Anaheim, California**

Heath Brant, 911 Director, appeared before the Commissioners to request approval to attend the annual National APCO Conference. Mr. Brant stated the fees for this conference will be paid from Fund 1222 and the General Fund will not be used.

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

**C. Court Administrator**

**1. Approval to apply for FY2022 Court Interpreter Grant (CIG)**

Brandi Foster Kirkendall, Court Administrator, appeared before the Commissioners to request approval to apply for the annual 2022 Court Interpreter Grant (CIG).

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

## **D. Court Services**

### **1. Introduction of the Community Corrections Director**

Anthony Povinelli, Director Community Corrections, appeared before the Commissioners to introduce himself and express his gratitude as the new Director of Community Corrections.

### **2. Approval of Total Court Services Agreement**

Mr. West asked who J. Robert Hawkins was. Mrs. Johnson stated J. Robert Hawkins is a representative of Total Court Services; they are a vendor who provides electronic and alcohol monitoring services compliant to court orders. Community Corrections has previously contracted with B.I. for these services; due to complications in that relationship it is prudent to seek alcohol and monitoring services through a different company.

Mr. Walls made a motion to approve the request pending legal review. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **E. Highway**

### **1. Final Acceptance of Worthsville Road Construction and Execution of INDOT for IC-639**

Luke Mastin, Director, appeared before the Commissioners to request approval and execution of Form IC-639 finalizing the construction contract in the area of Worthsville Road, between Griffith Road and Franklin Road.

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

### **2. Approval and Execution of a Letter of Understanding with INDOT for an Unofficial Detour During I-69 Construction**

Mr. Mastin stated the letter of understanding identifies the local road routes traffic may use to bypass I-69 construction restrictions. It will also provide INDOT the ability to reimburse Johnson County if there is damage to County roads caused by traffic increase related to road closure. Johnson County has executed similar letters for other INDOT projects in the past. Discussion was held and all questions were answered satisfactorily.

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

### **3. Approval and Execution of a Letter of Understanding with INDOT for an Unofficial Detour During State Road 135 Closure**

Mr. Mastin said this letter of understanding with INDOT is for an unofficial detour route during an upcoming closure of State Road 135, south of County Road 300 S. This will provide INDOT the ability to reimburse Johnson County if there is damage to County roads caused by the traffic increase related to road closure.

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

**4. Approval and Execution of Construction Inspection Contract for Bridge 136 Replacement Project**

Mr. Mastin stated this is a request for approval and execution of the construction inspection contract with VA Engineering for the Bridge 136 replacement project.

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

**5. Approval and Execution of Clark School Road PE Contract with GAI Consultants**

Mr. Mastin stated this request is for approval and execution of the preliminary engineering contract with GAI Consultants for the Clark School Road Reconstruction Project. This project will include engineering design for the replacement of Bridges 103 and 206.

Mr. Walls made a motion to approve the request pending legal review. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**6. Award Recommendation and Request to Begin Contract Negotiations for Bridge 605 Replacement Preliminary Engineering**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**7. Road Relinquishment Discussion**

Mr. Mastin stated that he and Mr. Walls have been involved in meetings with INDOT looking for funding options; in particular for the project to widen Smith Valley Road. The current estimate to widen Smith Valley Road is approximately \$55 million. INDOT has offered potential State Road relinquishment to Johnson County in exchange for Federal dollars to fund a portion of the Smith Valley Road Project. The roads that are being discussed in this agreement are State Road 144 (between Franklin), and Bangersville, State Road 44 (between Franklin and the Morgan County Line), and State Road 252 (between Trafalgar and U.S. Highway 31). This is approximately twenty-three centerline miles. He said in exchange for that relinquishment, INDOT will provide \$35 million dollars of Federal Funding to be used toward the Smith Valley Road Project. He stated there are five projects currently underway by INDOT on these three roads; the largest of the projects is the repaving of State Road 252. There is a current estimate from INDOT for approximately \$3.5 million to complete the repaving of State Road 252. As part of this relinquishment agreement INDOT would not complete these projects. He noted the other four projects are structure related. Discussion was held and all questions were addressed.

Mr. Baird stated as a point of order he would like to return to Agenda Item A under ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS.

**A. Park**

**1. Approval of Big Bounce Fun House Agreements for 05/14/2022, 06/24/2022, and 10/08/2022 Events**

Kevin Leonard, Assistant Superintendent, appeared before the Commissioners to request approval of Big Bounce Fun House Agreement. Mr. West asked if Mr. Leonard would explain the invoice for an Axe Throwing trailer. Mr. Leonard said this is an enclosed trailer that is staffed by the company, not County Employees. Discussion regarding the safety of this trailer was held and all questions were answered satisfactorily.

Mr. Baird made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which carried with a vote of 2-1. Mr. West voted nay.

#### **F. Board of Commissioners**

##### **1. Approval of C.W. Sneed Construction Contract for the Highway Garage New Ceiling Project**

Mr. Baird stated C.W. Sneed Construction was the lowest bidder for this contract.

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

##### **2. Approval of Ice Miller Engagement Letter – LIT Bonds, Series 2020A**

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

##### **3. Discussion of Early Closure of County Buildings on December 22, 2022**

Discussion was held regarding the 2022 Christmas Holidays. Mr. Baird stated closing at noon on this day would allow the individual departments' time to celebrate as a department. It was noted this would be in lieu of the 2022 County Holiday Luncheon. Mrs. Johnson stated the same process would be followed as in previous years for the closing of the building at noon on December 22, 2022.

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

##### **4. Approval of a Settlement Agreement**

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

##### **5. Opening Jail Stair Enclosure Quotes**

Mrs. Johnson said Wes Harrison, Project Manager, solicited the quotes using proper procedures. Mr. Walls provided information on the need for this particular project. Mrs. Johnson stated three quotes had been solicited; she opened the two bids that were submitted of the three requested and read them aloud. C.W. Sneed submitted a bid in the amount of \$31,967.00. Shuck Corporation submitted a bid in the amount of \$77,600.00.

Mr. Walls made a motion to give the bids to himself and Mr. Harrison to review for recommendation at the next scheduled Commissioners' meeting. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### **NEW & OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Claims and Credit Card**

Mr. West stated there was a claim for \$10,000 from VASIA for insurance that appeared to have been taken from the wrong fund. Amy Thompson, First Deputy Auditor, stated this was an error that has been corrected. Mr. West requested the Credit Card Manifest have more descriptive information. Mr. West asked for an explanation from the Fleet Department

regarding the purchase of men's boots and wearing apparel. Bob Golinski, Fleet Director, stated these purchases were part of a previously approved budget for wearing apparel. Mr. West questioned a claim in the amount of \$582.00 from the Coroner's Office to T-Shirt Express. Mr. West expressed his concerns and misuse of appropriated funds where wearing apparel is concerned. Mr. Walls asked Angela Morris, Adult Probation, if she knew anything about \$9,300 in Community Corrections Grant Funds being returned. Mrs. Morris stated she was unaware of the details but would look into it and report back to the Commissioners. Ron Deer, Councilman, approached the podium and stated it is the responsibility of the Council to approve individual requests by department heads to spend previously budgeted money from their individual line items. He stated he would like to remind the Commissioners that policy is set by the Commissioners. Mr. West ask for Mr. Deer to explain further. Discussion was held addressing claims/policy. Mr. Baird stated the Commissioners and the Council will continue to work together in regards to department wearing apparel.

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

**Commissioners' Minutes**

**02/28/22 - Regular Meeting**

**03/14/22 - Special Meeting**

**03/14/22 - Regular Meeting**

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

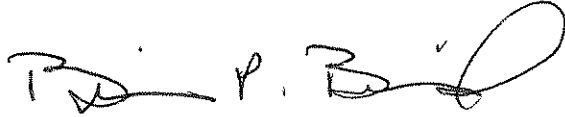
**Public Comment - (limited to 5 minutes per person)**

There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

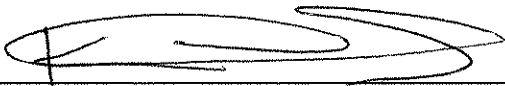
There being no further business, Mr. Walls moved to adjourn. Mr. West seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

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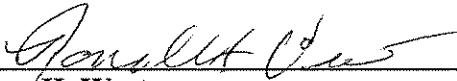
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**Brian P. Baird**



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**Kevin M. Walls**



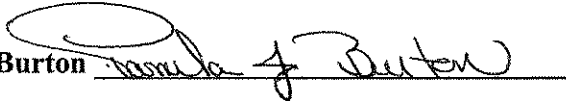
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**Ron H. West**

**Attest:**

**Pamela J. Burton**

**Auditor**



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