

COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING- MONDAY AUGUST 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order by 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 2022 RURAL ROAD MILL AND OVERLAY PROJECT

Shena Johnson, County Attorney read the bids aloud: Howard Asphalt LLC d/b/a/ Howard Companies \$1,968,448.29; Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc. \$2,486,720.26; E&B Paving, LLC \$2,334,460.17; Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. \$2,379,000.00; Milestone Contractors, L.P. By Contractors United Inc.-General Partner, \$2,135,500.00.

Mr. Walls made a motion to give the bids to Luke Mastin, Highway Supervisor, and Daniel Johnston, Highway Engineer, for review and recommendation at the next Commissioners' meeting. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION – JOHNSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE EXTERIOR LIGHTING UPDATE

Kim Kasting, Vice President of Development, Johnson County Community Foundation, appeared before the Commissioners to validate that all funds have been raised for the Lighting of the Courthouse Project; this project was initially presented during the April 2022 Commissioners' meeting.

Mr. Walls said once an application was submitted and a response received from the Franklin Development Corporation, this project could move forward, noting him and Ms. Kasting would complete and submit the application together in the very near future.

Dan Davis, Davis Electric, approached the podium and gave an overview of the Lighting of the Courthouse Project. Discussion was held and all question were answered satisfactorily.

The Commissioners were in favor of submitting an application to the Franklin Development Corporation and then moving forward with this project, assuming a favorable response to the application is received.

INDIANA GEOLOGICAL & WATER SURVEY – STATEMAP GEOLOGICAL MAPPING

Ginger C. Davis, Research Geologist, appeared before the Commissioners to request permission to conduct a geological investigation at the Johnson County Fairground property; this may result in the installation of a monitoring well for scientific data collection and analysis. She said this would be part of a StateMap Project, the Indiana Geological and Water Survey are conducting. This survey will map the geology of the southern portion of Johnson County; this process requires the collection of geologic data. She further stated the main data into the subsurface comes from geological coring

to the bedrock; drilling services are contracted through Illinois State Geological Survey. Ms. Davis noted this company has the necessary liability insurance that is required for this type of drilling work. In addition, Ms. Davis requested permission to install a monitoring well in order to get information about the groundwater resources in the area. This would allow them to keep an eye on long term trends and changes while gathering important geologic information. Discussion was held regarding permission of use paperwork, core drilling site set up, location for the well, and the longevity of the project. All questions were answered satisfactorily.

Mr. Baird suggested a decision not be made today; he said the ground is leased by the Fair Board and their input is needed. The Commissioners agreed further research will be done and they would reach out to Ms. Davis and notify her of their decision by the second scheduled Commissioners meeting in September.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. Treasurer

1. Approval of Contract with F&E Payment Pros

Michele Ann Graves, Treasurer, appeared before the Commissioners to request approval to enter into an agreement with F&E Payment Pros. Mrs. Graves stated this will significantly enhance their current processing of payments by utilizing EZ-Scan Stub & Check Imaging Remittance Solution.

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

B. Parks Department

1. Request to attend the 2022 Indiana Parks and Recreation Association Conference, November 15th thru November 17th, Indianapolis, Indiana

Kevin Leonard, Director, appeared before the Commissioners to request permission for four (4) Park employees to attend the 2022 Indiana Parks and Recreation Association Conference. The conference is in Indianapolis; hotel rooms will not be needed.

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

C. IT/GIS

1. Approval of Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Schneider Geospatial

Chris Williams, Administrator, appeared before the Commissioners to request approval of an amendment with Schneider Geospatial.

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

D. Highway

1. Funding Application for 2023 Grade Crossing Fund

Daniel Johnston, Engineer, appeared before the Commissioners to inform them of a funding application that was recently submitted for the 2023 INDOT Railroad Grade Crossing Fund in the

amount of \$17,171.62. This would fund the purchase of new thermoplastic railroad striping symbols for 21 rail crossings within the unincorporated areas of Johnson County. Mr. Johnston said if their application was selected, they would return to a Commissioners' Meeting with an INDOT-LPA funding agreement.

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

2. Approval of PE & R/W Services Proposal Scoring Results and Request to Begin Contract Negotiations for Bridge 56 Replacement Project

Mr. Johnston's second request was for permission to begin contract negotiations for Bridge 56 Replacement Project. He stated requests for pricing (RFP) were sent in June and they had received four (4) letters of interest from different consulting firms in July; after evaluating and scoring this information they would like to recommend the Commissioners award this contract to BLN.

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

3. Approval and Execution of Change Order #1 for the 2021 Asphalt Conversion Project

Luke Mastin, Supervisor, appeared before the Commissioners to request approval and execution of Change Order #1 with Milestone Contractors for the 2021 Asphalt Conversion Project. This change order covers the cost of two (2) additional work items: Repairs to sidewalk panels on the project roads, as well as investigation and modification of storm sewers on Woodcreek Court at the intersection of Peterman Road. He stated the total amount of this change order is \$29,996.34, noting the final project costs including the change order are less than the original contracted amount. 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.

E. Board of Commissioners

1. Appointment of County Attorney

Shena Johnson, County Attorney, requested the acceptance of her resignation effective August 18, 2022.

Mr. Baird stated Adam Gadberry, current Assistant County Attorney, will be appointed County Attorney effective August 18, 2022.

The Commissioners thanked Mrs. Johnson for her service and welcomed Mr. Gadberry to his new position.

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

2. Approval of 2023 Holiday Schedule

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

3. Approval of 2023 Commissioners' Meeting Schedule

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

**4. Ordinance 2022-O-15: An Ordinance Amending Johnson County Ordinance § 25-5-1-4 Regarding Alcohol Prohibitions and Permissions on Public Facilities –
*Second Reading***

Mr. Baird stated this was for Independence Park.

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

5. Ordinance 2022-O-16: An Ordinance Establishing Worker Retention Incentives for County Employees to the American Rescue Plan Act

Mr. Walls made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion. Mr. West requested further discussion prior to the final vote.

Mr. West voiced his oppositions to this ordinance; discussion was held.

Mr. Baird called for a vote to the previous motion which carried with a vote of 2-1; Mr. West voted nay.

6. Ordinance 2022-O-17: An Ordinance Authorizing Distribution and/or Expenditure of the Proceeds of Johnson County's Grant from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ACT") – Subject: Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)

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

7. Ordinance 2022-O-18: An Ordinance Authorizing Distribution and/or Expenditure of the Proceeds of Johnson County's Grant from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ACT") – Subject: Professional Services – Drake Road Project

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

8. Ordinance 2022-O-19: An Ordinance Amending Title 15 and Authorizing the Creation of a Deferral Program for Violations of Title 15 of the Johnson County Code of Ordinances

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

Mrs. Johnson stated as a point of clarification Ordinance 2022-O-19 is *First Reading*

9. Approval of WEX Fleet Fuel Cards System

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

NEW & OLD BUSINESS

Claims

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

Commissioners' Minutes

07/15/22 – Special Meeting – ARPA Committee

07/25/22 – Regular Meeting

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

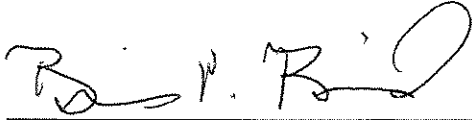
Public Comment - (limited to 5 minutes per person)

There was no public comment.

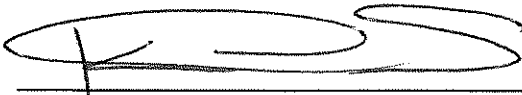
ADJOURNMENT

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


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Brian P. Baird



Kevin M. Walls



Ron H. West

Attest:

Pamela J. Burton

Auditor

