

**COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023**

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

**INVOCATION**

Mr. West led the Invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Baird led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**A. Information Technology**

**1. Approval to Contract with BIS Digital**

Chris Williams, IT/GIS Administrator, was present to request approval to contract with BIS Digital to install a microphone into the ceiling of the Commissioners' Auditorium above the gallery area to assist with the inclusion for those who cannot come to the podium, as well as creating an easier way to have round table meetings.

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

**B. Recorder**

**1. Approval of Addendum to Agreement with HF Group**

Angel Wiser, Chief Deputy Recorder, was present to request approval of an Addendum to the Agreement with the HF Group.

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

**C. Animal Shelter**

**1. Approval to Approach Council to Request Additional Appropriations for Adoption Fee – Professional Services**

Cari Klotzsche, Director, was present to request approval to approach the Council to request Additional Appropriations in the Adoption Fee Fund for Professional Services. She explained the department budgeted \$30,000 for Professional Services in 2023 and have currently expended the entirety of that budget. She requested to approach the Council for an additional \$30,000 to assist with the care of incoming animals.

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

**2. Ordinance 2023-O-11: An Ordinance Amending Title 15 of the Johnson County Code of Ordinances – Second Reading**

Mrs. Klotzsche remained before the Commissioners for the Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-O-11.

Mr. West moved to approve Ordinance 2023-O-11 as presented on second reading. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **D. Health**

### **1. Approval of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County for Mosquito Control Services**

Betsy Swearingen, Director, was present to request approval of the annual Interlocal Agreement with the Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County to spray for mosquitos throughout certain areas of the county.

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

### **2. Johnson County Health Department Emergency Operation Plan**

Mrs. Swearingen remained before the Commissioners to request approval of the Johnson County Health Department Emergency Operation Plan in accordance with the Indiana Department of Health to apply for grants. She noted this is a template that requires plan information for 15 different emergency response areas.

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

### **3. Ordinance 2023-O-13: An Ordinance Amending and Superseding Johnson County Code §16-1-1-2 Regarding Board of Health Fees for Death Certificates**

Mrs. Swearingen was also present to request approval of Ordinance 2023-O-13 to amend the Johnson County Code §16-1-1-2 regarding the Board of Health Fees for Death Certificates. She explained the change came from an increase in State Statute regarding the disbursement of funds between the Health Department and the Coroner's Office for Death Certificates; therefore, the new cost of a Death Certificate will be \$20.

Mr. Walls moved to approve Ordinance 2023-O-13 as presented. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **4. Ordinance 2023-O-10: An Ordinance Establishing Regulations for Johnson County On-Site Residential Sewage Systems – Second Reading**

Mrs. Swearingen remained before the Commissioners for the Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-O-10.

Mr. Walls moved to approve Ordinance 2023-O-10 as presented on second reading. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **E. Surveyor**

### **1. Ordinance 2023-O-12: An Ordinance of the Johnson County Board of Commissioners Establishing Drainage Board Petition Fees – Second Reading**

Gregg Cantwell, Surveyor, was present for the Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-O-12.

Mr. West moved to approve Ordinance 2023-O-12 as presented on second reading. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

## **F. Highway**

### **1. Ordinance 2023-O-14: An Ordinance Amending Johnson County Code of Ordinances Section 9-2-1-2 “Truck Operation Prohibited on Restricted Truck Routes” – First Reading**

Luke Mastin, Highway Supervisor, was present for the first reading of Ordinance 2023-O-14. He explained the extensive damage that has been done to the rural roads that were not built to hold large trucks. He noted this Ordinance will affect 7 rural roads outside of Franklin as well as 3 routes in the Southeastern region of Franklin City.

Mr. Walls suggested notifying the City of Franklin about the affected routes.

Mr. Mastin said he had reached out to the Engineer for the City of Franklin. He also noted appropriate signage with the City would need to be added.

Mr. West moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-O-14 as presented. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **G. Board of Commissioners**

### **1. Appointment of Board Member to the Nineveh Fire Protection District Board**

Mr. Baird noted Nineveh Fire Chief Josh Snyder’s recommendation for the Board appointment was Cole McKnight.

Mr. Walls noted Mr. McKnight’s application listed his employment at Franklin Fire Department and expressed his hesitation of putting a current Fireman on a Fire Protection Board. He explained the purpose of these boards was to involve the public.

Mr. West moved to appoint Kierstin Larson to the Nineveh Fire Protection District Board. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

### **2. Approval of Title VI Plan**

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

### **3. Approval of 2023 Johnson County ADA Transition Plan**

Mr. West moved to approve the 2023 Johnson County ADA Transition Plan as presented. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **4. Resolution 2023-R-6: A Resolution of the Johnson County Board of Commissioners for the Transfer of Grant Money to the Bargersville Community Fire Protection District**

Mr. West expressed his concern of the legal liability that could be involved with granting money for a Safe Haven Baby Box.

Mrs. Swearingen approached the Commissioners to explain this grant money is from a prior BASE CRI Grant that must be used and cannot go back. She noted the money had been set aside specifically for this cause.

Discussion was held regarding the possible implications versus the beneficial outcomes of giving the grant money for the Safe Haven Baby Box to the Bargersville Community Fire Protection District.

Mr. Walls moved to approve Resolution 2023-R-6 as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-1. Mr. West voted nay.

#### **5. Approval of Settlement Agreement**

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

### **NEW & OLD BUSINESS**

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

Mr. West had questions pertaining to certain claims; all questions were answered satisfactorily.

Mr. Walls moved to approve the claims as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-1; Mr. West recused himself from voting due to a claim paid to his wife for her work during the election.

#### **Commissioners' Minutes**

- 1. 5/22/2023 – Regular Meeting**
- 2. 5/22/2023 – Special Meeting**

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

#### **Discussion Regarding Golf Cart Ordinance**

Duane Burgess, Johnson County Sheriff, was present to discuss the possibility for a Golf Cart Ordinance. He explained this would provide a safer environment for those operating golf carts by ensuring they are registered and equipped for the road.

Discussion was held among the Commissioners regarding the scope of the Ordinance and the areas it would restrict. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to continue researching and have further discussions regarding an Ordinance to regulate Golf Cart use on the road.

#### **Discussion Regarding Amendment to Weapons Discharge Ordinance**

Sheriff Burgess remained before the Commissioners to discuss an amendment to the Weapons Discharge Ordinance.

Mr. Baird expressed his concern of the current restrictions for discharge of weapons in the county. He explained the need for regulations for the shooting areas and education of safe discharge practices to keep everyone safe.

Discussion was held regarding changing the area of shooting to involve distances from property lines rather than occupied structures.

The Commissioners came to the consensus there is a need to further educate and take steps to keep the public safe while still allowing proper discharge of firearms.

**Approval for Employee Extension of Use of Vacation Benefits**

Elizabeth Alvey, Auditor, requested approval to extend the time an employee in her office can use her vacation benefit time. She explained this employee has not been able to use the earned vacation time due to training new employees.

Mr. Walls moved to approve the use of the employee's 52 hours by July 31, 2023. Mr. West seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

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

There were no public comments.

**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**

