

COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, JULY 10, 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.

OPENING OF SEALED BIDS FOR THE JOHNSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPAIR PROJECT

Adam Gadberry, County Attorney, read the following bids received for the Johnson County Courthouse Repair Project:

- 1) Kammerling Construction LLC – \$528,014.00
- 2) Connor & Company, Inc. – \$567,500.00
- 3) Advanced Restoration Contractors, Inc. – \$419,000.00

Mr. Walls moved to give the bids to Mr. Baird and Wes Harrison, Project Manager, for further review to provide a recommendation at the next regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. Planning & Zoning

1. Resolution 2023-R-8: Resolution Authorizing the Temporary Waiver of Johnson County Planning and Zoning Permit Fees for Parcels Affected by the 2023 Tornados

Michele Hansard, Director, was present to request approval of Resolution 2023-R-8 to wave the permit fees for property in unincorporated areas affected by the 2023 tornados.

Mr. West moved to approve Resolution 2023-R-8 as presented. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

B. Board of Commissioners

1. Ratification of Letter to City of Greenwood Regarding Bridges 602 and 605

Mr. Walls moved to approve the ratification of the letter to the City of Greenwood regarding Bridges 602 and 605.

Mr. West stated there have been some issues in the process and he would recommend tabling the vote.

Mr. Walls withdrew his motion to approve the ratification of the Letter to the City of Greenwood regarding Bridges 602 and 605.

Mr. West then moved to table the ratification to the next regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

2. Ratification of Contractor Agreements with Sav-A-Tree, Prestige LLC, and Freedom Enterprise LLC for Tornado Debris Removal

Mr. Walls moved to approve the ratification of Contractor Agreements with Sav-A-Tree, Prestige LLC, and Freedom Enterprise LLC for tornado debris removal as presented. He noted the July 24th date will need to be publicized to ensure the public can take advantage of these services. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Award and Approval of Construction Contract for Johnson County Mental and Behavioral Health Facility Project

Mr. Walls moved to approve and award the construction contract for the Johnson County Mental and Behavioral Health Facility Project to Wurster Construction Company, pending legal. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Ordinance 2023-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: Johnson County Mental and Behavioral Health Facility Project

Mr. Baird noted the ARPA Committee recommended appropriating \$11.5 million for the completion of this project.

Mr. Walls stated after extensive discussion during the ARPA Committee, the recommended appropriation is higher than the recommendation Mr. Harrison gave. He added the extra funds would be tied up until the completion of this project, which would be after the deadline to appropriate ARPA funds.

Mr. Walls then moved to appropriate \$11 million for the Johnson County Mental and Behavior Health Facility Project. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. Ordinance 2023-O-18: An Ordinance by the Board of Commissioners of Johnson County, Indiana Establishing a Special Fund to Deposit Monies from Individuals and Entities for Emergency Tornado Relief

Mr. West moved to approve Ordinance 2023-O-18 as presented. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. Appointment of Jeff West as new IT/GIS Administrator

Mr. Walls moved to appoint Jeff West as the new IT/GIS Administrator. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW & OLD BUSINESS

Claims

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

Commissioners' Minutes

- 1. 6/26/2023 – Regular Meeting**
- 2. 6/26/2023 – Special Emergency Session**

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

Approval of Addendum to WIC Lease with Ex Nil, LLP

Mr. Walls moved to approve the Addendum to WIC Lease with Ex Nil, LLP as presented. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

Ron Deer, Councilman, came before the Commissioners to publicly thank the employees of Duke Energy and Johnson County REMC for their countless hours restoring power for those affected by the recent tornados in Johnson County.

Teresa Petro, Recorder, came before the Commissioners to inform them of the preliminary plans for the Green Light Project in honor of the Veterans of Johnson County. She added she will be on the agenda for an upcoming Commissioners' meeting to request approval for the project that is scheduled in November.

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**

