

COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Brian Baird at 10:00 a.m. Kevin Walls was present. Ron West joined in via zoom. (beginning at Agenda item III, A, 5)

INVOCATION

Mr. Baird gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Baird led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING OF SEALED BIDS FOR JOHNSON COUNTY HORSE BARNs PROJECT

Tiffany Costley, County Attorney, opened and read the following bids received for the Johnson County Horse Barns Project:

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| PAF Construction, LLC – Columbus, IN | Base Bid | \$846,934.22 |
| | No alternate bids submitted. | |
| Duke Commercial – Bargersville, IN | Base Bid | \$642,000.00 |
| | Alt #1 | none |
| | Alt #2 | \$ 9,000.00 |
| CW Sneed Company, LLC – Trafalgar, IN | Base Bid | \$687,408.00 |
| | Alt #1 | \$ 5,175.00 |
| | Alt #2 | \$ 9,149.00 |
| White Oak Commercial Group – Indianapolis, IN | Base Bid | \$820,914.00 |
| | Alt #1 | \$ 78,200.00 |
| | Alt #2 | \$ 9,000.00 |
| First Due Company – Danville, IN | Base Bid | \$749,744.00 |
| | Alt #1 | \$ 17,000.00 |
| | Alt #2 | none |

Mr. Walls moved to turn the bids over to Mr. Baird, Wes Harrison, Project Manager and Kevin Leonard, Park Superintendent, for review and recommendation at the next meeting. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1. Appointment of Board Member to the Nineveh Conservancy District Board

Mr. Walls moved to reappoint Darlene Mudd to the Nineveh Conservancy District Board. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

2. Approval of Comcast BEAD Program Letter

Mr. Walls moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

3. Employee Handbook Change

Mr. Walls moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

4. Ratification of Letter in Support of HB1100

Mrs. Costley explained HB1100 is a bill to expand the definition of extreme sports. This will allow the Gatling Gauntlet, located at the Johnson County Park, to reopen and give exceptions to the County for liability purposes.

Mr. Walls moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Baird seconded the motion, which carried 2-0.

Note: Mr. West joined the meeting via zoom at this time.

5. Approval to Apply for Grants:

A. Community Corrections - Approval to Apply for the 2026 DOC Grant

Anthony Povinelli, Director, was present to request approval to apply for the 2026 DOC Grant.

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

B. EMA

1. Approval of Johnson County Continuity of Government-Operations Plan

Stephanie Sighting, Director, was present to request approval of the Johnson County Continuity of Government-Operations Plan.

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

2. Promulgation of Johnson County's CEMP Plan for 2025

Ms. Sighting was also present to promulgate Johnson County's CEMP Plan for 2025. Ms. Sighting explained this is the County Emergency Management Plan.

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

C. HIGHWAY

1. Award and Execution of 2025 Mill and Overlay Project

Daniel Johnston, Engineer, was present to request the award and execution of the 2025 Mill and Overlay Project to Howard Companies whose bid was \$2,168,605.57. Mr. Johnston stated this is a Community Crossings funded project. It is a 50/50 split with INDOT. He also asked for a 3% contingency amount of \$65,000.00.

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

2. Award and Execution of the CR144 and Morgantown Roundabout Project

Mr. Johnston was also present to request the award and execution of the CR144 and Morgantown Roundabout Project to Rieth Riley Construction, who were the lowest bidders. Mr. Johnston stated during review of their bid; a mathematical error was found. The error did not affect Rieth Riley Construction being the lowest bidder; however, it did change their bid amount to \$1,270,014.71. He noted this is a 100% locally funded project and jointly between the County and the Town of Bargersville. He is also asking for another 3% contingency amount of \$ 38,000.00 for this project. Mr. Walls asked if some of this project was funded through the Impact Fee. Mr. Johnston replied yes.

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

3. Approval and Execution of the Construction Inspection Contract for CR144 and Morgantown Rd Roundabout Project

Mr. Johnston was also present to request approval and execution of the Construction Inspection Contract for the CR144 and Morgantown Rd Roundabout Project with Crossroads Engineers in the amount of \$142,500.00.

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

4. Approval and Execution of Bridge 602 Contract Amendment 3

Mr. Johnston was also present to request approval and execution of Bridge 602 (located on Smith Valley Road) Contract Amendment 3 with Hansen Professional Services. This is for utility coordination efforts in the amount of \$14,000.00. It was recently learned that Duke Transmission is planning to do a pole replacement project in the vicinity of the bridge. The purpose of this is to get Hansen Professional Services engaged with Duke to ensure that Duke's project does not create any design or constructability problems for future bridge projects.

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

Mr. Baird stated there is currently a legislative bill that may potentially change some of the things the County is trying to do for funding bridges in the cities and towns. Mr. Baird stated the way he understands the language in Bill 1461, is whether or not a County has a Cumulative Bridge Fund, the State is still

going to hold the Counties responsible for maintaining bridges located in cities and towns. He asked Luke Mastin, Highway Supervisor, to come to the podium and discuss the Bill. Mr. Mastin stated based on the original language in the Bill, that would have been the requirement. There is some amended language in the Bill, but the ultimate result of that language has the same outcome. Essentially counties would be responsible for bridges within cities and towns regardless of whether they have Cumulative Bridge Fund or not. Mr. Mastin stated this is not currently mandated in the statute, nor has it ever been. The only time that stipulation applies is if a county has a Cumulative Bridge Fund. Johnson County currently does not. There are other counties in the State that do not as well but not many. Mr. Mastin stated this is something the County needs to keep an eye on and make sure our concerns are vocalized. Mr. Baird stated basically the only option would be to put the Cumulative Bridge Fund back into place. Mr. Mastin replied yes, the problem with that is the Cumulative Bridge Fund is one of a few funds where the tax levy falls under the same cap as the general fund. That is the bulk of the reason it was ultimately eliminated. It couldn't be funded without having some significant detrimental impact to the funding that is available in the General Fund.

D. WIC

1. Approval of Cornerstone Letter of Intent

Elizabeth Swearingen, Health Department Director was present on behalf of WIC to request approval of the Cornerstone letter of intent. Mr. Walls stated he has been working with Mrs. Swearingen and Tracy Smith, Director of WIC, for a new location in the Greenwood area.

Mr. Walls moved for approval of the Cornerstone letter of intent, Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. Approval of Lease Agreement for Valle Vista – pending legal

Mr. Walls stated this is still pertaining to the same location. He stated they are dealing with some legal issues on the lease.

Mr. Walls moved to approve the lease agreement for Valle Vista, pending legal. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW & OLD BUSINESS

A. Claims

Mr. West stated the only concern he has is the Park Department had a water bill in the amount of \$986.86. Mr. West questioned if this might be a possible leak somewhere.

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

Mr. Baird asked Mr. Leonard to come to the podium and address the concern. Mr. Leonard explained that there was a leak found in the scout building. It has since been fixed.

B. Commissioners' Minutes:

1. 12/16/2024 – Regular Meeting

2. 1/13/2025 – Regular Meeting

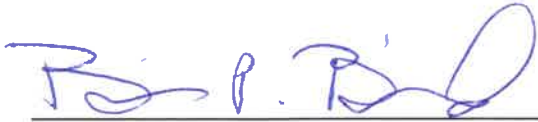
Mr. Walls moved to approve the requests as presented. Mr. West seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

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**

