

## **COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026**

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

### **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. West gave the Invocation and Mr. Baird led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comment – (limited to agenda topics and 5 minutes per person)**

There were no public comments.

### **Routine Matters – Consent Agenda**

*By a single motion, the Commissioners approve the following items, which may include annual contracts, grant application forms, ratifications, change orders, ordinance, resolutions, and meeting minutes. Any items listed on the consent agenda may be removed by a Commissioner and moved to the regular agenda.*

Mr. Baird read the following requests aloud:

- A. *Approval of Annual Agreements*
  1. *Assessor – Midwest Presort Agreement for 2026 Form 11 Mailing – Mr. Baird noted there was an increase of \$2,980.16 from last year.*
  
- B. *Approval to Apply for Grants*
  1. *Juvenile Community Corrections – IDOC DYS FY 2027 JCC Grant*
  2. *Juvenile Detention Center – IDOC DYS FY 2027 JDAI Grant*
  3. *Juvenile Detention Center – IDOC DYS FY 2027 JDAI Special Projects Fund Grant*
  4. *Juvenile Detention Center – Drug Free Johnson County Grant*
  
- C. *Ratification of White Oak Commercial Group Change Orders 1 and 2 for Juvenile Center Entrance Repair Project*
  
- D. *Minutes:*
  1. *12/15/2025 – Regular Meeting*
  2. *12/15/2025 – Executive Session*
  3. *12/22/2025 – Executive Session*

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

### **Elected Officials and Department Heads**

#### *A. Court Services*

##### *1. Juvenile Detention Center – Texas Christian University Contract*

Kristi Bruther, Director, was present to discuss the Texas Christian University contract. Ms. Bruther stated this contract allows the Juvenile Detention Center to partner with Texas Christian University and the Karen Pervvis Institute of Child Development to bring Trust Based Relational Intervention Training for Practitioners (TBRI), which is a “train the trainer” type training to the State of Indiana. She stated they generally would have to travel to receive the training. She also stated that Court Services wrote a grant in the amount of \$350,000 for this, and \$80,000 for a partnership with Reach for Youth through CJI Funding. Ms. Bruther stated that this was a big deal for the State of Indiana and for the Juvenile Justice System. She said there will be 150 seats total. The Juvenile Justice

System will get 100 of those 150 with the contract agreement. Mr. Walls asked how many detention officers or personnel will be attending the training. Ms. Bruther stated the contract is for the whole State of Indiana; for Johnson County, there will be a minimum of 10 seats, which is 10% of the 100 seats available.

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

*B. Sheriff*

*1. Towing Service Agreements*

- a. 31 Auto Group*
- b. Franklin Wrecker Services LLC*
- c. Greenwood Wrecker Services LLC*
- d. Hanna's Wrecker Service, Inc. dba A Towing Service*
- e. Hanna's Wrecker Service, Inc. dba Graham's Wrecker service, Inc.*
- f. Hix Wrecker Service, Inc.*
- g. White Glove Towing*

Duane Burgess, Sheriff, was present to answer questions about the annual towing service agreements.

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

*C. Prosecutor*

- 1. Approval of Cooperative Agreement Renewal for Senior Prosecutor Hub Grant*
- 2. Request for Take Home Vehicle Assignment*

Michelle Murray, Administrator, was present to answer questions for the above approval and request.

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

*D. Highway*

*1. Approval and Execution of Indianapolis MPO Committee Representation Letter*

Daniel Johnston, Engineer, was present for the approval of the letter that identifies who the County representatives are for MPO's meetings which occur bi-monthly with joint meetings. Mr. Johnston stated that for the Technical Committee, he would be named the representative, and Luke Mastin, Supervisor, would be the proxy and for the Policy meeting, Mr. Mastin would be named the representative and Mr. Johnston would be the proxy.

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

*E. Board of Commissioners*

*1. Request for Extension of Opioid Remediation Grant Funding Awarded on 8/25/2025 to Riley Children's Foundation*

Adam Kegley, Director of Foundation Relations, was present via zoom for the request for an extension of the Opioid Grant funding. He stated this was for the funding that was awarded at the end of December 2024 and the recent funding that was awarded mid-2025.

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

*2. Acceptance of Constellation Master Retail Natural Gas Supply Agreement*

Mr. West stated that he went through everything and spoke with someone from Centerpoint, and they confirmed that it was cost savings.

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

*3. Appointment of Board Member to White River Township Fire Protection District Board (White River Twsp Seat) – Fulfillment of Empty Board Seat with Term to Expire 12/31/2027*

Mr. West stated he was concerned about a current working Fireman on the board, overseeing another fire department. He stated he did not think that was the best application. Mr. Walls stated that he agreed with Mr. West. Mr. Baird stated it was a recommendation from Chief Pell.

Mr. West moved to table the above request until their next meeting. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

*4. Appointment of Board Member to Johnson County Health Board*

Mr. West stated that he found it odd to appoint a Veterinarian to the Health Board but understands that they would have a certain amount of understanding of what they're faced with. Mr. West stated that he would not have a problem with the appointment. Mr. Walls noted that Mr. Stropes was currently on the board. Taylor Webster, Assistant County Attorney, stated medical professionals are listed in the statutory requirements, and gives a list of approved professions, which includes veterinarians. Mr. West stated he was not aware of that.

Mr. West moved to reappoint Mr. Stropes to the Johnson County Health Board. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

*5. Approval for Elected Officials and Their Staff to Attend 2026 State and Legislative Conferences*

*a. Association of Indiana Counties – Legislative Conference*

*b. Association of Indiana Counties and Indiana County Commissioners District Meetings*

*c. Association of Indiana Counties Annual Conference*

*d. Indiana County Commissioners Annual Conference*

*e. Elected Officials District Meetings*

*f. Purdue Road School (Commissioners and Highway)*

*g. National Association of Counties (Commissioners)*

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

*6. Claims*

Mr. West stated he had a couple concerns with a couple of the claims. He stated Council had NACO dues of \$2,873 which seems high to him. He thought there would be one fee for the county that would cover all the offices. Also, for Council, they had office equipment through Amazon for \$9,667, he asked if it was for new iPads or something different. Elizabeth Alvey, Auditor, stated that

it was for seven new Surface Pro computers. Mr. West had a question for the Sheriff about a claim for David Dicken Photos for \$4,750. Duane Burgess, Sheriff, stated that claim was for pictures for the whole Sheriff's Department. The last concern Mr. West had for the claims was from the Parks department for Prince's Lake Water. He stated there is always one bill that is extremely high. He also stated that for this month, that one meter was for \$947.01, but in the past, it was explained that there was a high usage tap for the Horse Park, but given this time of year, he doesn't think that they would be having a lot of events. Mr. West asked if the Auditors Office could give him a comparison for Indiana American Water bills and Prince's Lakes Water bills. Kevin Leonard, Superintendent, was present to answer questions for the Park . Mr. Leonard stated the water line that feeds down into the Horse Park is such a big line that the minimum on that line is very costly because of the sewer. He stated that he has met with Prince's Lakes on trying to sub out the restrooms and have a separate meter. Mr. Leonard stated that bill is for water and sewer usage. Mr. West asked if they break it out on the bill separately. Mr. Leonard stated yes.

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

**New and Old Business**

There was no new or old business discussed.

**Adjournment**

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

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**Brian Baird**



**Kevin Walls**



**Ron West**

**Attest:**

**Elizabeth A. Alvey**  
**Auditor**

