

COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026

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

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

There were no public comments.

Ordinance 2026-O-3: An Ordinance Amending Johnson County Ordinance 90-5 regarding the Needham Fire Protection District

Eric Prime attorney with Van Valer Law Firm was present on behalf of Arbor Homes. Arbor Homes is proposing to develop on grounds west of I65 and south of the Armory on Umbarger Lane for residential development. It is currently situated in the Needham Fire District and asked if it can be switched to Franklin City Fire Department. He stated the Fire Protection District has already passed a resolution to this effect, but this body also needs to approve it. Mr. Walls stated that he thinks this is best; if they are putting that many homes in one place, Franklin would have a better response time.

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

Firefly Children & Family Alliance – Prevent Child Abuse Banner and Yard Signs on Courthouse Lawn, April 6 thru 24th, 2026

Linda Miller, Director, was present via zoom to answer questions and discuss the request. Mr. Baird asked if this was going to be the same as previous years. Ms. Miller states that yes, it will be the same as last year with the banner and yard signs; they will not be placing pin wheels.

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

Drug Free Johnson County – Approval of Grant Agreements

Michelle McMahon, DFJC Coordinator, was present via zoom for approval of the following grant agreements:

Treatment / Intervention

HeavenEarth Church

Reach for Youth

Tara Treatment Center, Inc.

Upstream Prevention, Inc.

Prevention / Education

Boys & Girls Club in Johnson County

Brave Backers

George Junior Republic in Indiana

Girls, Inc. of Johnson County

KIC-IT

*Turning Point Domestic Violence Services
Upstream Prevention, Inc.
Justice / Law Enforcement
Franklin Police Department
Greenwood Police Department
Johnson County Court Services – Community Corrections
Johnson County Court Services – Juvenile Division
Johnson County Sheriff's Office*

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

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.

A. Approval of Annual Contracts

- 1. Clerk – Microvote General Corporation 2026 Infinity Voting System Annual Maintenance Agreement*

B. Minutes:

- 1. 2/23/2026 – Regular Meeting*
- 2. 2/23/2026 – Executive Session*

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

Elected Officials and Department Heads

A. Clerk

- 1. Approval to Utilize Greenwood Moving and Storage for Delivery*

Amy Briggs, First Deputy Clerk, was present in the audience.

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

B. Information Technology

- 1. Approval of Revize Web Services Sales Agreement and Addendum*

Jeff West, IT/GIS Administrator, was present for the approval of Revize Web Services. He stated this is a new company for the Johnson County website. The old company has sold out, and they are dealing with ADA compliance; Therefore, they will need a new company for the website, and it will be cheaper.

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

C. Museum

1. Requesting Permission for the Johnson County – America’s 250th Committee

David Pfeiffer, Director, was present for this request. Mr. Pfeiffer stated he has been working with a committee from across the county planning all of America’s 250th events. He stated they celebrated Ben Franklin’s birthday in January, which brought 71 people to the museum; they had an event where they had a storyteller talk about George Rogers Clark and the Battle of Vincennes, which brought 50 people to the museum; and this past weekend they had a Boston Tea Party themed spring tea that was sold out. Mr. Pfeiffer stated the museum is also working with the State committee to coordinate some bigger events that are happening across the nation. He said in 1976, they had an event where they rang bells across the country at the same time. Mr. Pfeiffer is requesting permission on July 8th at 6:00 pm to read the Declaration of Independence out loud on either the courthouse steps, historical locations in the county, schools and churches

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

D. Animal Shelter

1. Requesting Permission to Attend the 2026 Prairie States Animal Welfare Conference, June 1st and 2nd in Bloomington, Illinois

Cari Klotzche, Director, was present to ask for two employees to attend the conference this year. She states they will be driving their own vehicles and will not ask for mileage or food reimbursement. Mr. West stated they are currently having in-depth conversations about out-of-state travel for some of the conferences. Mr. West stated that he would like to table this request until the next meeting for more discussion. Mr. Baird asked if there would be non-employees in the vehicles; Mrs. Klotzche stated there would not be anyone else in the vehicles.

Mr. West moved to table the request until their next meeting on 3/23/2026. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

E. Parks

1. Approval of Rent.Fun, LLC Master Services Agreement

F. Auditor

1. Approval of Malcon Indiana, Inc. Proposal for Annual Countywide IV-D Cost Allocation Plans 2025-2027

G. Court Services

1. Community Corrections and Probation – Approval of Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement Association of Indiana Counties Tax Refund Exchange and Compliance System

H. Coroner

1. Approval of BioTech X-Ray, Inc. Portable Imaging and Diagnostic Testing Services Agreement

Mr. West moved to approve items E. through H. as presented. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

I. Public Safety Communications

1. Approval of Motorola Agreement for Radius Mapping Software

2. Approval of Motorola Renewal Proposal

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

3. Request to Attend 2026 Indiana 911 Director's Summit, April 28th and 29th, Noblesville, Indiana

Heath Brant, Director, was present for this request. Mr. West asked if this meets the 50-mile requirement. Mr. Brant stated it was right on the line; he stated this was approved last year.

Mr. West moved to table this request until their next meeting on 3/23/2026. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

J. Surveyor

1. Proclamation of Surveyors Week, March 15th thru 21st, 2026

Gregg Cantwell, Surveyor, was present for discussion and to request proclamation that March 15th through March 21st will be Surveyors week. In the past they have joined with state and federal organizations to promote surveying, especially on the educational level. He stated there is a shortage of surveyors, so it is taking longer to get them done. He says locally, he takes the opportunity to recognize his employees; he says he has a great staff, and they have a lot of passion. Mr. Baird read the proclamation out loud.

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

K. Highway

1. Approval to Approach Council for Additional Appropriations

Luke Mastin, Supervisor, was present for approval to approach council for additional appropriations.

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

2. Award Recommendation and Request to Begin Contract Negotiations for Bridge 85 and Culvert P-004 Construction Inspection

Daniel Johnston, Engineer, was present to request approval of proposal review scoring results for the project and to request approval to begin contract negotiations with the recommended firm. The firm recommended was Crossroad Engineers.

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

3. Approval of Wine at the Line Special Event Permit

Mr. Johnston was present for the approval for the special event permit for the Wine at the Line event. This will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2026. He noted they had provided the appropriate documentation.

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

4. Request Bid Date for 2026 Mill & Overlay – CCMG SFY26

Mr. Johnston was present to request approval of the meeting being held on April 13th, 2026, as the bid opening date for the 2026 Mill & Overlay Project.

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

Mr. West asked Mr. Mastin about the proposal on the Cumulative Bridge Fund on the council's agenda. He did not notice Bridge 602 there; he asked where they were on that. Mr. Mastin says that Bridge 602 is on the list for additional appropriations, noting it is for the additional design. Mr. West asked if they were close to where they could put it out to bid. Mr. Mastin stated the MPO Funding for that is fiscal year 2028. So, it won't be able to be bid until they get to the point where they can get the money from the MPO. The interlocal agreement has been sent to Greenwood and they are reviewing it now.

Mr. Walls states that he has had some complaints lately about road striping. He says he does not know if that is on the radar to be fixed this year and asked if they could look at this.

Mr. Baird also wanted to mention that he and Mr. Mastin have been talking about trash he has been seeing all over the county. Mr. Walls stated that probation would be reaching out to them real soon to help.

L. Board of Commissioners

1. Appointment of Board Member to Johnson County Community Corrections Advisory Board (At-Large Seat) Fulfillment of Empty Board Seat with Term to Expire 12/31/2026

Mr. Walls moved to table this request until their next meeting on 3/23/2026. Mr. West seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

Mr. Baird asked Tiffany Costley, County Attorney, if she would like to speak about a bill that has been signed in place to help with the understanding of what is going on with the appointments, and why they are looking a little harder at them. Mrs. Costley stated that they were able to get HB 1161 with Representative Lawson who has worked with Johnson County since last October to get board appointments to serve at the pleasure of the appointing entity; and the reason being is a lot of the statutes were written at various times. So, because these are elected appointees, they should serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. A lot of them make decisions that affect taxpayers. So, they were able to get this passed and the governor signed the bill into legislation. Mr. Baird stated that with that they will be discussing looking at a better interview process for board appointments so that they at least have some personal contact with the board appointments. And that's why they want to look

and advertise, because they want a chance and an opportunity to make sure they are putting the right people in the right place.

2. Appointment of Board Member to Johnson County Public Library Board. Full Term to Begin 4/1/2026 and End 3/31/2030

Mr. West recommended appointing Kenneth Marshall. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

3. Award Bid and Approval of Contract for Johnson County Park Dunn Arena Re-Roofing Project

Mr. Walls moved to approve Danco Roofing Services, Inc. for a base bid of \$147,500. Mr. West seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

4. Award Bid and Approval of Contract for Johnson County Park Dunn Arena Interior Painting Project

Kevin Leonard, Superintendent, was present to explain changes made to the bid by Connor Fine Painting. Mr. Leonard stated the first price included sandblasting with walnut, which is a more expensive product. The process they are going with is power washing and no sandblasting to get the existing paint off.

Mr. Walls moved to approve Connor Fine Painting with a bid of \$96,420. Mr. West seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

Mr. Baird stated there was a lot going on at Johnson County Park. They were able to get a site plan finished for a new pickle ball court, there will be eight in total, along with a new basketball court and tennis court. They are also looking at working on a banquet facility for the park.

5. Employee Handbook Change

Mrs. Costley stated there were just a couple of administrative cleanup changes on two issues that weren't really being utilized. One of the changes was a light duty provision that is not applicable and the second was correcting an administrative issue for floating holidays for specific law enforcement with approval from the Sheriff's Department and the Auditor's Office.

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

6. Claims

Mr. West stated that he would check with the Auditors Department on the Cooperative Extension and their mileage reimbursement claims. He also continues to notice and make comments on the fact that we are spending several thousand dollars every month on interpreters, he said it seems like it continues to rise.

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

New and Old Business

*A. Approval of Multi-Jurisdictional Agreement – Water Improvements Construction Project –
Town of Princes Lakes*

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

Mr. West questioned Mr. Leonard about the wastewater bill he had mentioned before about being very high. He asked if it had been rectified. Mr. Leonard stated they have Sexson Mechanical coming out to start installing submeters in both restrooms. So once Princes Lakes reads the meters once a month, they can check the submeters and only charge them sewer for what was used in the bathrooms instead of the whole park.

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**

