

REGULAR SESSION
SCOTT COUNTY COUNCIL

MARCH 12, 2019

The Scott County Council met in Regular Session on March 12, 2019 at 9:30 am in the Commissioners Room, Suite 128, Courthouse. Those present were Council members Mike Zollman, Iva Gasaway, Donnie Richie, Ab Watts, Rachael Hardin, Raymond Jones, and Robert Peacock. Also present were Auditor Tammy Johnson and Attorney Mike Carter.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Zollman who opened the floor to public comments. No comments were made by the public. Former Councilman Chris Albertson was invited for the presentation of a plaque in recognition of his service to the County but was unable to attend.

**SHERIFF DEPARTMENT UPDATE AND DEPUTIES IN SCHOOLS/ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION
REQUEST**

Regarding Deputies in Schools, Sheriff Jerry Goodin stated that Scott County School District #2 had not responded since their last conversation. However, Scott County School District #1 was ready to move forward with seeking County assistance in the form of monetary support.

Attending the meeting were representatives from Scott County School District #1 and the City of Austin. Assistance was requested, from the County, for 25% funding of the cost for an additional School Resource Officer for District #1 over a period of four (4) years. The grant, if approved, would be given to the City of Austin to offset their expenses for a full time patrol officer dedicated to serve as an SRO. Early estimates of the grant portion would be \$33,462 for the first year, with years two through four at \$23,864 per year. Commissioner Mike Jones was also in attendance. Jones stated the Commissioners and citizens wanted officers in place at the schools.

MOTION: Richie motioned to approve the grant to the City of Austin for the SCSD#1 SRO. Second provided by Hardin.

Further discussion ensued which began when Watts stated he was against this at budget because it lacked provisions for the school. Zollman said the County passed the Local Income Public Safety Tax to balance the 2018 budget, and additional appropriations were not made in order to save the operating balance. If Public Safety LIT was used to fund the SROs, then schools would get tax revenue in three ways. Richie said that Austin was part of the County. Raymond Jones said he would support the majority's decision, but felt that safety in the schools was the School's responsibility. SCSD#1 Superintendent Trevor Jones said the grant money would be matched to make it work.

MOTION: Richie motioned again, but in more detail, to support funding, up to a four (4) year term, to the City of Austin for an amount up to 25% of the cost of the patrol officer to be used at Scott County School District #1 as a School Resource Officer. The funding source would be the Hospital Reserve Fund. Second provided by Hardin. Motion carried with six (6) in favor and one (1) opposed (Zollman).

Other report items of Sheriff Goodin included a damaged padded cell with approximately \$7,000 in needed repairs; the inmate responsible for the padded cell damage was sent to another facility and efforts will be pursued through the Prosecutor for restitution; Officer Rex Herald retired with a large payout of PTO and Compensatory time; Video Court was started; the Jail was cleaned top to bottom; a class of five (5) inmates graduated with GEDs; the next enrollment for GED classes jumped to 21 when opened; the food service contract with Tiger Foods will be renewed; thanks were given to the Health Department for HepA vaccinations; the Highway Department was thanked for oil changes; and EMS was thanked for training.

Sheriff Goodin stated that his department would like to apply for small grants that are often community based opportunities to get equipment. Goodin asked about the use of Commissary Fund to pay for the administration and professional services of those small grants.

MOTION: Peacock motioned to allow Commissary Fund to be used for professional and administrative cost for the small, local grant application opportunities. Second provided by Richie. Motion carried with six (6) in favor and one (1) abstained (Jones). Jones stated he abstained for lack of detail on Indiana Code for Commissary allowances.

An additional appropriation request from Public Safety LIT was considered for the Jailers (\$5,500) and Officers (\$9,000) Uniform Allowance. Since the Employee Handbook was not changed to date, the policy for distribution of a uniform allowance had to be honored. This request would put the money in place for the payroll disbursement that covers the first half of the year. Sheriff Goodin wanted to change to a vendor based uniform system. The second additional appropriation request mirrored the amounts at \$5,500 for Jailers and \$9,000 for Officers, but would be used for purchases, not compensation. This change in policy will be reflected in the pending 2019 Employee Handbook revision.

MOTION: Gasaway motioned to approve the additional appropriation in the Public Safety LIT for the payroll Uniform Allowance of Jailers (\$5,500) and Officers (\$9,000), per the current Employee Handbook policy, and allow an additional appropriation, totaling \$14,500, to be made from Public Safety LIT for uniform purchases through a vendor. Second provided by Peacock. Motion carried unanimously.

MAGISTRATE COURT

Members were informed that a committee was formed to work on the future location of the Magistrate.

RAINY DAY FUND

Zollman stated he would like to put money in the Rainy Day Fund. Peacock suggested that topic be discussed at budget time later in the year.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY/BOARD PROTOCOL

Zollman also expressed his disappointment at the lack of development in Courthouse security. Zollman said he would bring that to the Commissioners attention at their next meeting.

Attorney Carter reminded members of the protocol for contacting legal counsel and the human resources consultant. Due to the costly nature of those services, questions or concerns of members should be taken to the Board President first.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT GRANT APPROPRIATION

Health Director Michelle Matern requested the remaining balances from 2018 be appropriated for grant funds of the HIV Outbreak (#9124) in the amount of \$25,027.78 and the DEFA (#9468) in the amount of \$3,338.44.

MOTION: Gasaway motioned to approve both additional appropriations, for the funds and amounts of the remaining 2018 balances of both grants, as outlined above. Second provided by Richie. Motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION, TRANSFER, AND ENCUMBRANCE REQUESTS

Additional Appropriation requests were made from the Highway Fund (#1176) by Highway Supervisor Jill Baker as follows: \$3,000 to Supervisor Pay (11000); \$1,400 to Computer Maintenance/Supplies (21300); \$400 to Longevity (12000); \$8,000 to Contractual Striping (30108); \$100 to Group Life & Disability (24000); \$1,000 to Garage & Motor Supplies (22300); \$10,000 to Gas & Oil (24101); \$4,000 to Liability & WC Insurance (34102); \$150,000 to Paving (34700); and \$23,000 to Equipment Repair (35001).

MOTION: Jones motioned to approve all additional appropriation requests from the Highway Fund as follows: \$3,000 to Supervisor Pay (11000); \$1,400 to Computer Maintenance/Supplies (21300); \$400 to Longevity (12000); \$8,000 to Contractual Striping (30108); \$100 to Group Life & Disability (24000); \$1,000 to Garage & Motor Supplies (22300); \$10,000 to Gas & Oil (24101); \$4,000 to Liability & WC Insurance (34102); \$150,000 to Paving (34700); and \$23,000 to Equipment Repair (35001). Second provided by Gasaway. Motion carried unanimously.

Baker also requested a \$7,200 transfer from Summer Help (11903) to Wearing Apparel (27500) to cover the purchase of uniforms approved by the Commissioners.

MOTION: Gasaway motioned to approve the \$7,200 transfer request in the Highway Fund from line item Summer Help (11903) to Wearing Apparel (27500). Second provided by Richie. Motion carried unanimously.

Baker then asked for Council to consider an encumbrance in the amount of \$48,000 from Cumulative Bridge Fund (1135-64101) for repair of Bridge #122.

MOTION: Gasaway motioned to approve the \$48,000 encumbrance in Cumulative Bridge for repair of Bridge #122. Second provided by Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

Baker reminded members that the next round of Community Crossings Grants that the County would be eligible for would be a July 2019 application process. This grant would require a match of funds in the amount of \$333,333.33 for a \$1 Million award.

ASSESSOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Requests for additional appropriations were submitted for the Assessor's budget from General Fund. During the 2019 Budget process, costs usually paid from General Fund were diverted to the Reassessment Fund. The Assessor requested the expenses be returned to the General Fund. The appropriations from General Fund-Assessor' Budget were advertised as follows: \$83,288 to Personnel Services; \$500 to Supplies; and \$26,450 to Other Services.

MOTION: Peacock motioned to approve the additional appropriations from the General Fund-Assessor's Budget as detailed above. Second provided by Gasaway. Motion carried unanimously.

VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE

At the invitation of President Zollman, Regional Veterans Service Officer Joe Devito spoke with the Board concerning the State's goals for County Veterans Service Offices. Devito said the objective was to have staffed offices, open five days a week, in all counties throughout Indiana. Devito said he focused on training and targeted outreach to counties in his district. He wanted to have service availability to Veterans without closed doors and without long waits. The benefits registration process has become increasingly technology based, with the initial visit taking an average of 45 minutes. By the end of 2019, all claims will be filed digitally, and a paperless office will be implemented by the end of 2020.

Scott County's VSO is part time, 21 hours per week. Devito encouraged consideration for the Veterans Office to maintain the hours of Courthouse operation and open five days a week. At minimum, this would take another part time position to function as an Assistant Veterans Service Officer with compensation equal to the CVSO rate. If the AVSO could work 21 hours per week, then he/she could be accredited on the State's VetraSpec.

MOTION: Gasaway motioned to send President Zollman to the Board of Commissioners to request an Assistant Veterans Service Officer position be created to work 21 hours per week. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST

The grant application request submitted by E911 Director Greg Ramoni, for an upgrade for the E911 recorder, was tabled because it did not have a dollar amount for the reimbursable grant.

SURVEYOR AND CLERK ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

Additional appropriations were advertised from the Clerk's Perpetuation Fund in the amount of \$18,861 and the Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund in the amount of \$40,000 to purchase a Book Eye Scanner (\$25,000) and for payment of 2018 fieldwork expenses (\$15,000).

MOTION: Gasaway motioned to approve the Clerk's (\$18,861) and Surveyor's (\$40,000) Perpetuation Fund additional appropriation requests as described above. Second provided by Peacock. Motion carried unanimously.

CUMULATIVE BUILDING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

An additional appropriation was requested for the cost of installing security glass above the counter in the Recorder's Office. The installation of the security glass was approved by the BOC. The additional was advertised for appropriation from the Cumulative Building Fund or the Commissioners Budget in General Fund.

MOTION: Gasaway motioned to approve the additional appropriation for the installation of the Recorder's security glass from the Cumulative Building Fund in the amount of \$1,400. Second provided by Peacock. Motion carried unanimously.

SOUTHEASTERN INDIANA RECYCLING DISTRICT GRANT

A grant in the amount of \$4,600 was awarded from the Southeastern Indiana Recycling District. Members considered the fund for quietus of the grant proceeds.

MOTION: Peacock motioned to quietus the \$4,600 SEIRD grant into County General, the location of the Transfer Station's budget. Second provided by Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 2018, DECEMBER 2018, AND JANUARY 2019

Minutes from the November 20, 2018 meeting were presented for consideration and approval.

MOTION: Zollman motioned to approve the minutes, as written, from the November 20, 2018 meeting. Second provided by Peacock. Motion carried with five (5) in favor and two (2) abstained (Hardin and Jones).

Minutes from the December 18, 2018 meeting were presented for consideration and approval.

MOTION: Gasaway motioned to approve the minutes, as written, from the December 18, 2018 meeting. Second provided by Peacock. Motion carried with five (5) in favor and two (2) abstained (Hardin and Jones).

Minutes from the January 10, 2019 Joint Meeting with Commissioners and the regular January 22, 2019 meetings were presented for consideration and approval.

MOTION: Watts motioned to approve the January 10, 2019 Joint Meeting and the January 22, 2019 regular meeting minutes as written. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT


With no other business, Peacock motioned to adjourn the March 12, 2019 Regular meeting of the Council. Second provided by Richie. Motion carried unanimously.

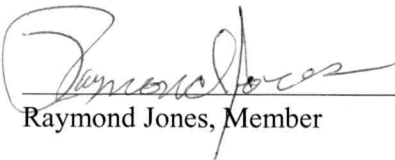

Mike Zollman, President

Ab Watts, Member

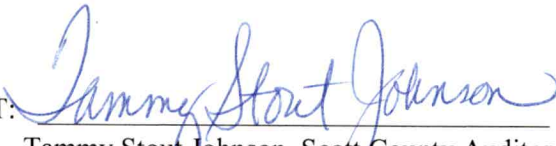
Robert Peacock, Vice President

Rachael Hardin, Member


Iva Gasaway, Member


Raymond Jones, Member


Donnie Richie, Member

ATTEST: 
Tammy Stout Johnson, Scott County Auditor