

## SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

### SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND COUNCIL

MAY 12, 2020

The Scott County Board of Commissioners and Council met in Special Session on May 12, 2020 at 10:30 am in the Commissioners Room, Suite 128, Courthouse. Commissioners present were Robert Tobias, John Lizenby, and Mike Jones. Council members present were Mike Zollman, Iva Gasaway, Robert Peacock, Donnie Richie, Rachael Hardin, and Ab Watts. Also present was Auditor Tammy Stout Johnson. Councilman Raymond Jones did not attend the meeting.

### COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT MATCH MONEY

Board of Commissioner President Bob Tobias along with Highway Supervisor Jill Baker approached the Council regarding match money for the upcoming cycle of the Community Crossings Grant. In the last few years, Scott County has been successfully awarded monies to help pave approximately 150 miles in the county. With the Council's support of \$333,333.33, application could be made for up to \$1,000,000 of state grant money. Baker said that the requirement of hiring a contractor is no longer mandatory. Therefore, CCMG funds can be used for the purchase of material with the Highway crew providing the labor. CCMG funds will not cover labor costs if the County does the work, but more material can be purchased and more miles paved if not using a contractor. Baker stated that contractor price is \$73,000 per mile. If the County did the work, the cost would be \$48,000 to \$50,000 per mile.

Baker said she appreciated the prior match money. Baker said she has tried to be frugal with her spending. Baker said she did not want to start the application process if there were no funds available for the match.

Councilman Peacock said there would not be any money spent if we did not get the award. Baker added that the required match is based on the amount awarded.

Commissioner Tobias spoke of the uncertainty with future CCMG money opportunities. Councilman Zollman reminded that the Hospital Reserve Fund was the main source of paving grant match money. Councilman Gasaway asked Baker about the Cumulative Bridge Fund. Baker said a \$427,000 bridge repair was in process for this year. Zollman said timing was bad [uncertainty in future revenues due to pandemic] so this would be the last time he would be in favor of using the Hospital Reserve Fund [for CCMG match money]. Tobias thought it would be best to apply for the maximum amount.

Baker said that several counties allocate the Riverboat Revenue to their Highway Departments because the State relates it to travel. Baker said the Riverboat Revenue supports the Sheriff's pension then added that the Highway Department does give to the Sheriff's Department by repairs, etc.

Baker commented that Community Crossing projects are favorable to all elected officials. Peacock added that this project helps the whole community, and everyone deserves good roads.

**MOTION:** Peacock motioned to make up to a \$333,333.33 commitment for Community Crossings Municipal Grant match money from the Hospital Reserve Fund, based on the match requirements per the awarded amount. Second provided by Gasaway. Motion carried unanimously.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR HIGHWAY FUNDS LEGISLATION

Baker informed the members of recent estimates that predicted as much as 47% reduced revenues for the MVH and Highway 50/50 Restricted funds due the COVID-19 health crisis. Fuel purchases in March and April were significantly lower due to the statewide stay-at-home directives.

Baker requested that a letter be sent to State Officials requesting the suspension of the 50% restriction on the Highway Fund for the COVID-19 emergency period.

**MOTION:** Peacock motioned to send a letter of support for the suspension of the 50% restriction on the use of the Highway fund during the COVID-19 health emergency declaration. Second provided by Gasaway. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Tobias motioned to adjourn the Commissioner portion of the May 12, 2020 Special Joint meeting. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no other business, Peacock motioned to adjourn the Council portion of the May 12, 2020 Special Joint meeting. Second provided by Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners:

  
Robert Tobias, President

  
John Lizenby, Vice President

  
Mike Jones, Member

ATTEST:   
Tammy Stout Johnson, Auditor

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Mike Zollman, President

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Ab Watts, Member

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Robert Peacock, Vice President

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Rachael Hardin, Member

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Iva Gasaway, Member

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Raymond Jones, Member

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Donnie Richie, Member

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Auditor

Tammy Stout Johnson, Scott County