

REGULAR SESSION

SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MAY 20, 2020

The Scott County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on May 20, 2020 at 5:00 pm in the Commissioners Room, Suite 128, Courthouse. Those present were Commissioners Robert Tobias, John Lizenby, and Mike Jones. Also present was Auditor Tammy Stout Johnson.

President Tobias called the meeting to order, lead in the Pledge of Allegiance, then opened the meeting for public comments. No comments were made by the public.

FIRST TRIAL DEPUTY PROSECUTOR POSITION

Prosecutor Chris Owens informed the Board of his request for an additional position in the Prosecutor's Office. Owens told the members that he had already approached Council to consider funding of a First Trial Deputy Prosecutor. The proposed position would be compensated at \$75,000 annually (about \$9,500 more than a Deputy Prosecutor position) due to responsibility and required experience in trial proceedings. Council agreed to advertise funding sources for the position, if approved. Owen was asked by Council to find money in Pre Trial Diversion and Infraction Judgement funds to support the position from July 1 through December 31, 2020. The request for the position in 2021 would be addressed during budget considerations. A job description was prepared and reviewed by WIS Consulting and presented to the Commissioners for review. Owens requested that members approve the creation and job description for the First Trial Deputy Prosecutor position.

MOTION: Lizenby motioned to approve the creation and job description of a First Trial Deputy Prosecutor position, to begin July 1, 2020 if funded by Council. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT; COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT APPLICATION

Highway Supervisor Jill Baker presented the 2019 Annual Report for the Highway Department that was due by June 1, 2020

MOTION: Lizenby motioned to approve the 2019 Highway Department Annual Report. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Baker presented a grant application for the 2020 Community Crossings Municipal Grant to request fund for County road paving projects.

MOTION: Lizenby motioned to approve the 2020 Community Crossings Grant Application to fund paving of County roads. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REOPENING COUNTY BUILDINGS

Tobias read a list of recommendations on COVID-19 safety provided by Health Department Director Michelle Matern. The recommendations specifically addressed reopening of the county buildings to the general public.

MOTION: Jones motioned to reopen County buildings on June 1, 2020 at 8:30 am. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

INTERVIEW ROOM AT JAIL

Tobias informed the members that he had been contacted by Sheriff Jerry Goodin about the creation of a small interview room in the Jail. Chief Deputy Toby Deaton added that an interview space was a requirement and condition of compliance with the State. Deaton added that remaining renovation funds would cover the cost with labor being provided by the inmates.

MOTION: Lizenby motioned to approve Sheriff Goodin’s request and allow the creation of a room for interviews in the Jail. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

BZA APPOINTMENT

By consensus, members agreed to table nominations and discussion of the appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals until the June 3, 2020 meeting.

COUNTY OCRA GRANT APPLICATION

A grant application approval was requested for COVID-19 funding through the Office of Community and Rural Affairs. The proposal was submitted for up to \$150,000 in relief funding to establish a food delivery service to quarantined or medically vulnerable individuals and a food pantry for those able to pick up donations.

MOTION: Jones motioned to approve the \$150,000 grant application to OCRA for COVID-19 Relief funding for food provisions. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

FSA JUST FARM ACREAGE ASSESSMENT

The Farm Services Agency updated the reduction in acreage of the Just Farm to reflect the two (2) acres deeded to the Jennings Township Fire Department. The paperwork was presented for approval and signatures.

MOTION: Jones motioned to approve and allow Tobias to sign for the changes in acreage for the Just Farm. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

RENTAL OF PARKING LOT ON NORTH GARDNER; SEIRD SHED AT TRANSFER STATION

Commissioners contacted (via phone) a representative of Venture Logistics. Inquiries were made about renting parking space at the Just property in Austin or at North Gardner in Scottsburg.

Members agreed to have the representative from Venture Logistics provide information to Attorney Houston.

Lizenby reported that Southeastern Indiana Recycling District was interested in placing a shed at the Transfer Station. Lizenby requested that any permitting fees be waived for SEIRD if the Board approved the placement of the shed.

MOTION: Lizenby motioned to allow SEIRD to put a shed at the Transfer Station and waive any applicable permitting fees. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

E911/EMA TRAILBLAZER TO BUILDING COMMISSION INVENTORY

A request was made for the 2004 Trailblazer that is in inventory for EMA be moved to the Building Commission inventory for full time use of the Building Inspector.

MOTION: Lizenby motioned to allow transfer of 2004 Trailblazer from the EMA inventory to the Building Commissioner inventory for use of the Building Inspector. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Jones suggested that when the new Community Corrections vehicles arrive, the spare vehicle be used by IT Andrew Campbell.

CLAIMS CONSIDERATION FOR CROW’S NEST CONSULTING

A claim in the amount of \$12,500 payable to Crow’s Nest Consulting was presented for consideration. The payment was for services associated with the Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant.

MOTION: Lizenby motioned to approve payment of the \$12,500 claim to Crow's Nest Consulting for PHEP services. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

MAY 8, 2020 PAYROLL RATIFICATION

The Payroll docket from May 8, 2020 was presented for ratification.

MOTION: Jones motioned to approve and ratify the May 8, 2020 Payroll docket. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Johnson requested that consideration of the May 6, 2020 be tabled until the next meeting. Commissioners, by consensus, agreed to consider the minutes at the next meeting.

EMA/E911 DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS; ADDITIONAL SHUTDOWN COMPENSATION; CARES ACT FOOD DELIVERIES TO SCOTT COUNTY

Jones stated he would not be in favor of making a determination on the EMA/E911 Director's position until Tobias had adequate time to conduct interviews or screen applicants.


Jones said he viewed the video of the Council's last meeting and would like to go on record that he did not agree with compensation time or additional compensation to employees that worked during the initial phase of the COVID-19 shutdown. Jones stated he would only support hazard duty pay for EMS. Auditor Johnson explained that personnel policy and corresponding funding is a function of both Commissioners and Council. Any deviations from the handbook policies would require a written amendment and adoption by both Boards before it would become effective. Auditor Johnson said she is bound by the policies of the handbook and would take no action until there would be any adjustment in payroll.

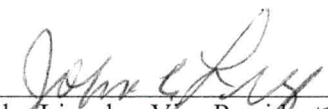
Tobias announced that through the USDA Farmers Feeding Families, a semi-truck load of 550 boxed (50 pounds each) would arrive May 27, 2020 in Scottsburg at The Rock for distribution to Scott County residents. The next semi-truck load of food boxes would arrive in Austin at the Jennings Township Fire Department for distribution to families. Potential is there for this to continue through December 31, 2020. Tobias, through his contacts, was able to put Scott County on a recipient list for the program. Lizenby thanked Tobias for his work on getting the donations.

MOTION: Lizenby motioned to accept the food donations to Scott County through the USDA program Farmers Feeding Families. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

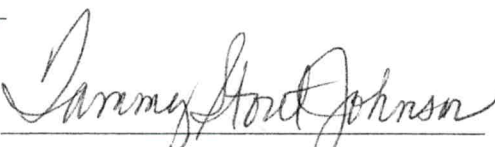
There being no other business, Jones motioned to adjourn the May 20, 2020 Regular Commissioners meeting. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.


Robert Tobias, President


John Lizenby, Vice President


Mike Jones, Member

ATTEST:


Tammy Stout Johnson, Auditor