

**REGULAR SESSION**

**SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**OCTOBER 21, 2020**

The Scott County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on October 21, 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, led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and opened the meeting for public comments. Purdue Agent Tom Springstun informed the Board of the November 4, 2020 Bicentennial Tree Planting ceremony at 4:30 pm. The Oak tree will be planted in the southeast corner of the Courtyard.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT LEGAL COUNSEL APPROVAL**

Health Department Director Michelle Matern explained to the Board that she may have to occasionally seek legal guidance regarding issues where cease and desist letters would be sent to local businesses regarding the public health mask mandate. Matern wanted to get permission to use the services of Attorney Robert Houston especially if additional legal fees resulted from the consultation.

**MOTION:** Lizenby motioned to allow Matern to consult with Attorney Houston or the firm of HTL for legal services for the Health Department. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

**CEASE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSIDERATION**

CEASE Coordinator Lori Croasdell presented the latest Comprehensive Plan which has been approved by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. The CEASE council is responsible for strategy development to address the problems of substance abuse. CEASE also provides recommendations for the distribution of the funds collected on behalf of the Drug Free Community initiatives.

**MOTION:** Lizenby motioned to approve the latest ICJI approved CEASE Community Comprehensive Plan as presented by CEASE Coordinator Lori Croasdell. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

**CARVER CONSTRUCTION ON LAND PURCHASE IN TIF DISTRICT**

Representatives from Carver Construction presented a letter of support from the City of Austin for the proposed development of an auction site for wrecked vehicles. Tobias explained that the initial offer was not close to what would be accepted for a sale price. Tobias also added that the land sale proceeds would go to the TIF Fund, not for the general use of the County. Jones said he would prefer to work through the County Attorney for the negotiation of the sale price. It was the consensus of the members for Attorney Houston to assist with the sale negotiations.

**VEHICLES FOR PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE FROM SHERIFF'S INVENTORY**

Prosecutor Chris Owens confirmed that he would like to have the use of the two (2) vehicles that were going out of rotation in the Sheriff's fleet. The 2012 Charger and 2014 Charger would be beneficial for travel needs on serving subpoenas, special cases, and out of county meetings. Owens will approach Council to set up the necessary Fuel and Maintenance budgetary lines for 2020 and 2021.

**MOTION:** Jones motioned to approve the transfer of the 2012 and 2014 Chargers from the Sheriff's vehicle inventory to the Prosecutor's Office, pending budget lines approved by Council with usage of the vehicles at the Prosecutor's discretion. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION #2020-009 FOR CARES ACT PUBLIC ASSISTANCE REQUESTS FOR ALLOWABLE PAYROLL REIMBURSEMENT**

Commissioners considered a Resolution to Provide for Reimbursement of Public Health and Public Safety Payroll Costs with CARES Act Funding (#2020-009). To allow for the maximum usage of the CARES Act funding, reimbursement for public health and public safety payroll are the preferred method for requesting disbursement from the State allocated CARES Act money set aside in a specific amount for each County in Indiana. Such approved Public Assistance requests shall be receipted into the Scott County Cares Act Fund for subsequent receipt into the General Fund up to the payroll reimbursement amounts. Jacque Clements from the Association of Indiana Counties expounded on the State Board of Accounts and the Indiana Financial Authority's recommendation for use of this method over seeking reimbursement from projects and minor expenses. Reimbursement for qualified payroll would take preference over all other public assistance requests with IFA.

**MOTION:** Jones motioned to approve Resolution #2020-009 for Cares Act Public Assistance Requests to be based on allowed Public Safety and Public Health Payroll expenses for initial receipt into the Scott County Cares Act Fund then to General Fund as supported by the reimbursements.

**NORTHERN TIF AREA PLAN AMENDMENT RESOLUTION #2020-011 AND PUBLIC HEARING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Commissioners reviewed the process of the Northern TIF Area Plan Amendment and considered Resolution #2020-011 Approving the Order of the Scott County Advisory Plan Commission Approving Amending Declaratory Resolution of the Scott County Redevelopment Commission. The uses of the TIF funds were expanded to better meet the needs of the Redevelopment District.

**MOTION:** Lizenby motioned to adopt Resolution # 2020-011 Approving the Order of the Scott County Advisory Plan Commission for the Amending Declaratory Resolution of the Scott County Redevelopment Commission for the Northern TIF District. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners acknowledged the Public Hearing on the Northern TIF Area Plan Amendment to be held by the Redevelopment Commission on November 12, 2020 at 4:30 pm.

**CLAIM CONSIDERATION PAYABLE TO NICOLE MEADOWS**

Members considered a claim payable to Nicole Meadows in the amount of \$330 for painting the COVID Testing facility.

**MOTION:** Jones motioned to approve payment of the \$330 claim to Nicole Meadows for painting the new COVID-19 testing facility. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

**PAYROLL RATIFICATION FOR OCTOBER 9, 2020**

The Payroll Docket for October 9, 2020 was presented for ratification.

**MOTION:** Jones motioned to approve and ratify the Payroll Docket for October 9, 2020. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

#### EMS DEPARTMENT UPDATE

EMS Director Shannon Mount provided an update for the department. Mount informed the Board that Paramedics were at full staff with the two (2) recent new hires. FEMA reimbursements were still being worked on to seek a 75% reimbursement on the equipped ambulance (already purchased) and companion COVID response vehicle.

Mount discussed the possibility of a Ford Explorer being removed from the EMS vehicle inventory and transferred to the Building Inspector.


**MOTION:** Jones motioned to allow the Ford Explorer to be transferred from the EMS vehicle inventory to the Building Inspector inventory. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

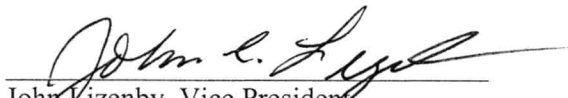
Mount reminded all of the EMS Open House on November 14, 2020 from noon until 5 pm.

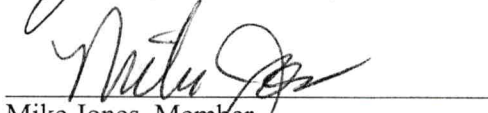
Mount reported that the salute to Veterans EMS Ambulance would be wrapped and ready for the Veterans Day ceremony at the Courthouse Memorial. Tobias added that he was proud of the County's EMS service. Mount thanked Councilman Zollman and other Council members for their support of EMS adding that he would like to bring up the COVID truck to full shift operations.

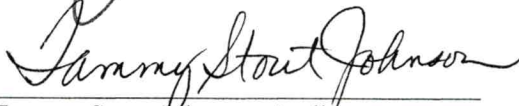
#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Jones motioned to adjourn the October 21, 2020 Regular meeting. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

  
Robert Tobias, President

  
John Lizenby, Vice President

  
Mike Jones, Member

ATTEST:   
Tammy Stout Johnson, Auditor