

REGULAR SESSION
SCOTT COUNTY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 8, 2020

The Scott County Council met in Regular Session on December 8, 2020 at 9:30 am in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Suite 128, Courthouse, First Floor. Those present were Council members Mike Zollman, Donnie Richie, Ab Watts, Robert Peacock, Rachael Hardin, Raymond Jones, and Iva Gasaway. Also present were Auditor Tammy Stout Johnson and Chief Deputy Auditor Teresa Vannarsdall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Zollman who opened the meeting with roll call and allowance for public comments. No comments were made by the public. Interim Extension Director Tom Springstun presented 4-H ornaments to Council members.

Attorney Mike Carter thanked Council members Gasaway, Peacock, and Zollman for their services. Zollman replied that Carter has always been helpful and recommended the 2021 Council retain him as legal counsel.

SHERIFF'S DEPUTY SPECIAL PAY REQUEST

Council resumed discussion of Sheriff Goodin's unusual circumstance of a retired Scott County Officer returning to full time duty. Due to pension recalculation after the officer would restart monthly benefits, Goodin requested that the returning retiree be placed at the rate of pay equivalent to a 20 year officer on the pay matrix. The officer is currently being paid at Entry level, which is lower than his highest wage during his previous time with the County. Sheriff Goodin stated he was to blame for the assumption on the rate of pay and did not want to have confusion in the future. Goodin read a stipulation to be added to the pay matrix, effective January 1, 2021 that would place any returning retiree officer at the entry level compensation. Auditor Johnson forwarded the stipulation to WIS. WIS confirmed the language of the statement was restrictive enough to prevent this type of scenario from happening again.

MOTION: Gasaway moved to approve the one time exception that the rehired retiree would be compensated at the 20 year rate on the Pay Matrix and that future returning retirees would be paid at the Entry level Deputy's rate of pay on the Matrix. Seconded by Peacock. Motion carried unanimously.

CIRCUIT COURT TRANSFER REQUEST

A request to transfer \$181 from Postage (#31200) to Office Supplies (#21000) in the Circuit Court portion of General Fund was considered by the members.

MOTION: Richie moved to approve the \$181 transfer from Postage (#31200) to Office Supplies (#21000) in the Circuit Court portion of General Fund. Seconded by Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

PROSECUTOR'S 2021 SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REQUEST

Prosecutor Chris Owens requested consideration of a transfer in the amount of \$400 from Victim Assistance (#11500) to Depositions (#26100) in the Prosecuting Attorney budget in General Fund.

MOTION: Peacock moved to approve the transfer in the amount of \$400 from Victim Assistance (#11500) to Depositions (#26100) in the Prosecuting Attorney budget in General Fund. Seconded by Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

Prosecutor Chris Owens received approval from the Commissioners on December 2, 2020 of revised and retitled job descriptions for three (3) Deputy Prosecutor positions, beginning January 2021. Owens presented job descriptions for one (1) Criminal/Child Support Deputy Prosecutor and (2) Criminal Prosecutors. Owen explained his request to redirect the salaries according to the position and which would not require any additional funding than the 2021 proposed budget.

Owens requested the 2021 annual compensation for the Criminal/Child Support Deputy Prosecutor be \$67,225 with the two (2) Criminal Prosecutors being paid \$65,208 per year.

MOTION: Peacock moved to approve the change in the annual compensation in 2021 for the newly retitled positions of Criminal/Child Support Prosecutor (\$67,225) and two (2) Criminal Prosecutors (\$65,208). Seconded by Richie. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC DEFENDER ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

An additional appropriation request was made from the Public Defender Supplemental Fund (#1200) in the amount of \$3,591 to cover the anticipated deficit in the Public Defender budget in General Fund (#1000-30900) after claims are paid through the end of the year.

MOTION: Peacock moved to approve the \$3,591 additional appropriation in the Public Defender Supplemental Fund (#1200) to for the extra needed in the Public Defender budget in General Fund. Seconded by Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

**EMS REQUEST FOR CARES ACT FUNDS AND SCOTT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL RESERVE FUND
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQEUST**

EMS Director Shannon Mount informed members that EMS was allocated approximately \$600,000 from the Redevelopment Fund for the purchase of equipment which included a new ambulance. Mount said he has requested assistance from Scott Memorial Hospital as well, but has not received a response. Mount also added that he will be pursuing grant opportunities as they become available through Indiana Department of Homeland Security and any future CARES Acts.

Mount requested \$400,000 in addition to the original \$340,000 of CARES Act reimbursement be allocated to EMS. Mount provided a list of equipment that he would like to purchase with the grant funds. The amount requested in November (\$340,000) was for the purchase of eight (8) new cardiac/life support monitors.

MOTION: Jones moved to approve a total of \$740,000 to EMS from the CARES Act reimbursement. Seconded by Zollman. Before the vote was cast, Highway Supervisor Jill Baker spoke her intentions to ask for a portion of the CARES Act funds.

Jones withdrew his motion followed by Zollman’s withdrawal of his second.

Baker added that she wanted to purchase a truck, weed eater, and other miscellaneous equipment. Richie stated he would like to see the Highway receive some of the money and suggested reducing the EMS request by \$23,000 (the amount for the ATV on the EMS equipment list).

MOTION: Peacock moved to approve the EMS allocations of CARES Act funds, less the cost of the ATV (\$23,000) for a total of \$715,068.15 with the remaining balance going to the Highway Department. Seconded by Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

Zollman thanked the Redevelopment Board and commended Leroy Williams, Scott Howser, Carl Stout, Iva Gasaway, and John Lizenby highly for their role in equipment for EMS to better serve our community.

CLERK GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST

Clerk Missy Applegate requested approve to apply for a \$9,600 reimbursable grant to offset 2020 Election expenses of additional staffing and incentives needed to safely operate due to COVID-19.

MOTION: Peacock moved to approve the Clerk’s application for the \$9,600 reimbursable grant to assist with the additional costs in running the 2020 Election during a public health emergency. Seconded by Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT CARES ACT FUNDS REQUEST; GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST; AND
TRANSFER REQUEST**

Health Department Director Michelle Matern informed members that "red" Coronavirus status meant an automatic additional two (2) week period for restrictions.

Matern requested that CARES Act grant money be allocated for the use of the Health Department in the amount of \$31,903 equal to the HD payroll submitted in the public assistance request. Matern anticipates future expenses with the COVID-19 vaccination roll out and would like to pay down compensatory time employees earned during the onset of the public health emergency.

MOTION: Peacock moved to approve \$31,903 in CARES Act reimbursement appropriated to General Fund be earmarked for use of the Health Department. Seconded by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Matern requested approval for three (3) grant applications: A reimbursable renewal of both HIV Case Managers salaries and benefits in the amount of \$110,000; a reimbursable renewal of the HIV Tester and HIV Prevention Coordinator salaries and benefits in the amount of \$105,000; and the advance \$5,000 DEFA for emergency food cards for HIV positive clients.

MOTION: Peacock moved to approve all three (3) grant application requests, as described above, for the Health Department. Seconded by Gasaway. Motion carried unanimously.

Matern requested a transfer in #1159 in the amount of \$4,500 from the PERF (#12600) line item to Equipment (#42000) for the purchase of a printer.

MOTION: Gasaway moved to approve the \$4,500 transfer in #1159 from PERF (#12600) line item to Equipment (#42000) for the purchase of a printer. Seconded by Richie. Motion carried unanimously.

**CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST; HIGHWAY CARES ACT
FUNDS REQUEST; AND SCOTT MEMEORIAL HOSPITAL RESERVE FUND ADDITIONAL
APPROPRIATION REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT MATCH**

Highway Supervisor Jill Baker requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$32,800 in the Cumulative Bridge Fund for the installation of guardrail on Boatman Road.

MOTION: Peacock moved to approve the additional appropriation of \$32,800 in Cumulative Bridge Fund. Seconded by Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

Baker thanked Council for the allocation of some of the CARES Act reimbursements for use of the Highway Department. Baker stated that match money of \$1,900 requested from CARES Act funds would be taken from monies already appropriated in the Highway budget.

Commissioner Tobias joined Baker before the Council to discuss the 2021-1 January application rounds for the Community Crossing Municipal Grant. Tobias reminded the Board that Baker applied for the CCMG with successful results multiple times. Tobias stated that Baker was also successful in getting the City of Scottsburg's recent CCMG award. By his calculations, the CCMG funds, coupled with the Council's matching funds appropriations, two-thirds of the County's roads will be resurfaced in the past five (5) years. Tobias was in attendance to support the request for more matching funds in 2021. Gasaway added that Highway employees are doing a great job with the new paver. The Council and Commissioners discussed the long list of accomplishments and improvements for health, emergency, bridges, roads, and equipment in recent years. Zollman added that employees were given raises, generous insurance benefits, longevity, and deferred compensation match contributions.

MOTION: Peacock moved to approve for 2021 up to \$333,333.33 for the Community Crossings Municipal Grant matching funds from the Hospital Reserve Fund. Seconded by Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

Council expressed appreciation to Baker and Tobias.

PURDUE EXTENSION TRANSFER REQUEST

Transfer requests in the Extension budget within General Fund were requested from Office Supplies (#21000) in the amount of \$64.27 and 4-H Program (#30206) line items in the amount of \$13.13 to ACN Terminal (#21100) to cover the shortage of \$77.40.

MOTION: Peacock moved to approve the transfers totaling \$77.40 from Office Supplies and 4-H Program line items in the Extension budget within General Fund to the ACN Terminal line as described above. Seconded by Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

2020 SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR 27TH PAYROLL

Auditor Johnson explained the unusual circumstance of the first payroll in 2021 falling on the New Year's holiday. This created an issue with the "27th pay". Information obtained from Wesbanco left two (2) options. Either pay December 31, 2020 or January 4, 2021 due to the bank postings around the holiday. In either case, a 27th pay date will be necessary.

Johnson suggested paying employees the 27th pay in 2020 with an appropriation from the Hospital Reserve Fund. This would not have a negative impact on the 2020 budgets and alleviate additional appropriations in 2021 for all departmental budgets. Elected Officials salaries are set, regardless of how many distributions, so the first draw for them could be as early as January 4, 2021 with all coming back in line on the January 15, 2021 pay date.

MOTION: Richie moved to approve an additional appropriation up to \$300,000 from the Hospital Reserve Fund for a 27th pay date in 2020 for employees only, not elected officials. Seconded by Peacock. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnson then requested approval of the Amendment to the 2020 Salary Ordinance to reflect the 27th pay.

MOTION: Gasaway moved to approve the Amendment to the 2020 Salary Ordinance to include the 27th pay for all regular employees, not elected officials. Seconded by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

RAINY DAY FUND

Members discussed the Hospital Reserve Fund and the reoccurring intention of improving the balance in the Rainy Day Fund.

MOTION: Zollman moved to place the balance of the Hospital Reserve Fund, less any budgeted line items for 2021, into the Rainy Day Fund. Seconded by Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

INTERIM PRESIDENT AND LAST MEETING OF 2020

Members agreed to set the final meeting of the year on December 29, 2020 at 9:30 am. At that meeting an Interim President will be chosen to fill the void until new Board officers are appointed in January, since the President and Vice President will not be seated in 2021.

TRANSFER AUTHORITY FOR AUDITOR

Authority to make the necessary transfers in line items to balance budgets for year-end were handed to the Auditor.

MOTION: Gasaway moved to give the Auditor authority to make the transfers necessary to balance the budgets for yearend closeout. Seconded by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 20-22, 2020 MEETING

Minutes from the October 20-22, 2020 Regular and Budget meeting were presented for review.

MOTION: Watts moved to approve the minutes from the October 20-22, 2020 Regular and Budget meeting. Second provided by Gasaway. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, Peacock motioned to adjourn the December 8, 2020 Regular meeting of the Council. Second provided by Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Zollman
Mike Zollman, President

Ab Watts
Ab Watts, Member

Robert Peacock
Robert Peacock, Vice President

Rachael Hardin
Rachael Hardin, Member

Iva Gasaway
Iva Gasaway, Member

Raymond Jones
Raymond Jones, Member

Donnie Richie
Donnie Richie, Member

ATTEST: Tammy Stout Johnson
Tammy Stout Johnson, Scott County Auditor