

**REGULAR SESSION**  
**SCOTT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**JANUARY 12, 2021**

The Scott County Council met in Regular Session on January 12, 2021 at 9:30 am in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Suite 128, Courthouse, First Floor. Those present were Council members Donnie Richie, Ab Watts, Eric Gillespie, Lyndi Hughbanks, Diane Mullins, Rachael Hardin, and Raymond Jones. Also present were Auditor Tammy Stout Johnson and Chief Deputy Auditor Teresa Vannarsdall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hardin who opened the meeting with roll call and allowance for public comments.

Commissioner Lizenby welcomed the new Council...e made by the public.

**REORGANIZATION OF BOARD FOR 2021**

Interim President Hardin called for nominations for Board President in 2021. Richie nominated Hardin. No other nominations were made. Hardin closed the nominations.

**MOTION:** Richie moved to appoint Rachael Hardin as the 2021 Council President. Seconded by Jones enthusiastically. Motion carried unanimously.

Jones then nominated Richie to serve as Vice President in 2021. No other nominations were made. Nominations were closed.

**MOTION:** Jones moved to appoint Donnie Richie as the 2021 Council Vice President. Seconded by Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

Mullins stated that meetings times be moved to evenings for the public. Several others expressed reasons to continue with day meetings. Hughbanks suggested a compromised with an evening meeting once a quarter.

**MOTION:** Richie moved to continue meetings in 2021 at 9:30 am on the second Tuesday of each month. Seconded by Watts. Motion carried with four (4) in favor and three (3) opposed (Gillespie, Hughbanks, and Mullins).

All agreed by consensus to begin using the Owl and video recording meetings for release on YouTube.

**2021 BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Hardin read a letter from Attorney Mike Carter that expressed his interest in continuing as the Board's attorney.

**MOTION:** Watts moved to retain Mike Carter as the Board's attorney in 2021. Seconded by Hardin. Motion carried with six (6) in favor and one (1) opposed (Hughbanks).

A list of 2020 Board Appointments was provided to members.

**MOTION:** Gillespie moved to table the 2021 Board appointments until the February meeting. Seconded by Mullins. Motion carried unanimously.

**CIRCUIT COURT LINE ITEM CREATION AND TRANSFER REQUEST**

Circuit Court Judge Jason Mount informed members of recent developments which cut his number of staff in half. Mount estimated that four (4) to six (6) weeks would be needed to hire and train replacements. Mount anticipated additional hours would be worked by the remaining staff due to work load and training for the newcomers. Mount requested creation of an Overtime line (#12001) along with a transfer of \$6,000 into the newly created line. The amount transferred would be from the lines of Sr. Court Reporter (#11206) in the amount of \$3,000 and Assistant Court Reporter (#11602) in the amount of \$3,000.

**MOTION:** Richie moved to create a new line item in the Circuit Court's budget for Overtime (#12001) and approve the transfers of \$3,000 from the Sr. Court Reporter (#11206) line and \$3,000 from the Assistant Court Reporter (#11602) line for a total of \$6,000 into the newly created Overtime line item. Seconded by Hughbanks. Motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR

2020 Interim Purdue Extension Director Tom Springstun welcome new Council members and congratulated Harding on being appointed 2021 Council President. He then introduced Marilyn Sink as the new Health and Human Services Agent for Scott County.

Purdue agents then discussed strategies implemented during the pandemic trying to keep up interest and enrollment in 4-H programs. Gillespie stated he would like to see the Fair do well in 2021. Springstun reminded all that the 4-H is separate from the Fair Board, which would meet that night. Sink then updated members on the various touchpoints that Extension has throughout the community. Members were invited to follow Extension on their Facebook page. Richie expressed appreciation for their hard work. Springstun thanked the Council for supporting the Extension efforts.

EMS DEPARTMENT UPDATE

EMS Director Shannon Mount informed members that Scott County is no longer considered a "rural" entity. This was learned when the Health Department tried to apply for a Narcan grant. This designation will reduce the Medicare/Medicaid reimbursements by \$2 per patient.

Mount outlined several cost reduction goals in 2021, in areas of fleet maintenance; fuel; building maintenance; and utilities. Mount added that efforts would be increased for recycling as well. Mount stated he is committed to finding grant opportunities, staff educational development, community education, and facility improvements.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 10, 2020 MEETING

Minutes from the November 10, 2020 Regular meeting were presented for review.

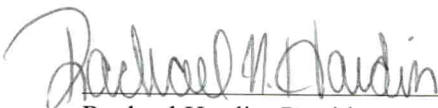
**MOTION:** Jones moved to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2020 Regular meeting. Second provided by Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

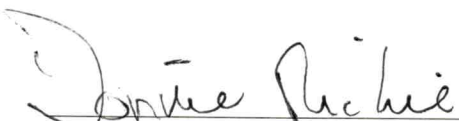
Prior to adjournment, Gillespie asked if anyone would be interested in beginning meetings with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

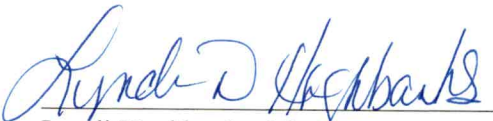
**MOTION:** Gillespie moved to have prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance before Council meetings. Second provided by Mullins. Motion carried unanimously.

With no other business, Jones moved to adjourn the January 12, 2021 Regular meeting of the Council. Second provided by Richie. Motion carried unanimously.

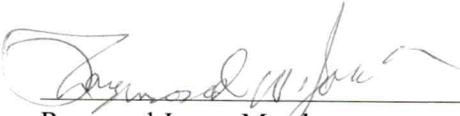
  
Rachael Hardin, President

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Ab Watts, Member


  
Donnie Richie, Vice President

  
Lyndi Hughbanks, Member

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Diana Mullins, Member

  
Raymond Jones, Member

  
Eric Gillespie, Member

ATTEST:   
Tammy Stout Johnson, Scott County Auditor