

REGULAR SESSION

SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JANUARY 6, 2021

The Scott County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on January 6, 2021 at 5:00 pm in the Commissioners Room, Suite 128, Courthouse. Those present were Commissioners Mike Jones, John Lizenby, and Randy Julian. Also present was Auditor Tammy Stout Johnson.

Vice President Lizenby called the meeting to order, led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then opened the meeting for public comments. Lizenby welcomed new Commissioner Julian.

Highway Department employee Tyler Peterson stated his qualifications for retaining his position as District #1 Road Supervisor after referring to a phone conversation with Julian. Peterson then asked Julian specific questions to which Julian replied no to each. Julian then announced his appointment to District #1 Road Supervisor as Denver Sparkman.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD FOR 2021; ADOPTION OF 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

Lizenby nominated Jones to serve as the Board President in 2021. Jones accepted the nomination.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to place Jones as President the Board of Commissioners for 2021. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

Julian nominated Lizenby for Vice President in 2021. Lizenby accepted the nomination.

MOTION: Julian moved to retain John Lizenby as Vice President of the Board of Commissioners in 2021. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Jones began presiding over the meeting, thanked the other members for their support and reminded all members of their equal authority.

By consensus, all members agreed to continue with meeting at 5:00 pm on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in 2021.

ONE SOUTHERN INDIANA; SCEDC BOARD RESIGNATION

Executive Vice President of One Southern Indiana Matt Hall introduced himself to the Board. Hall explained his approach for meeting the needs of clients. Hall assesses responses to three (3) basic questions. How is business? Are there impediments? Do you have any plans for growth? Hall's mission for Scott County is to keep a seat at the table for development opportunities. Hall addressed the booming River Ridge, stating that development in that area is not for every business. Our region's urban and rural settings are not far distance apart.

SCEDC member Jean Robbins announced her resignation from the Board. Robbins had served as the Commissioners appointment, but wanted to devote time to other commitments.

PROVIDER SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR INCARCERATED OFFENDERS FOR JAIL

A contract with the State's Family Social Services Agency was presented for consideration. The agreement would provide for Medicaid coverage for offenders that are hospitalized while incarcerated. The County would be obligated to assist the inmate with applying for the HIP 2.0 coverage upon being released.

MOTION: Julian moved to approve the agreement with the State FSSA for medical coverage assistance to incarcerated offenders. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR JOB POSTING

Commissioners agreed to post the Highway Supervisor opening adding an engineer preferred, to broaden the potential candidates. If the Board decided to hire an engineer, then the \$40,000 additional funds offered by the State to counties that hire engineers could be used to enhance the salary. The posting for the position will close January 29, 2021.

BUILDING PERMIT POLICY CHANGE IN REQUIRED CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL

A letter drafted by the Building Inspector proposed a new construction material requirement. The recommendation would be for the 2x8 board material be replaced by 2x10 board material for improved structural stability.

By consensus, members agreed to table the matter until it was reviewed by the County Attorney.

Plan Commission Secretary Marty Randall presented the December 2020 Plan Commission Activity Report.

INSURANCE POLICY CONFIRMATION LETTERS REGARDING WAITING PERIOD

Auditor Johnson provided letters that formally stated our coverage waiting period for employees and elected officials for the group health and life insurance plans. Johnson requested approval to sign the letters.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to approve Auditor Johnson’s signature on the letters stating the County’s policy on the waiting periods for group health and life insurance coverage for employees and elected officials. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

EMS UPDATE

EMS Director Shannon Mount provided a run volume report. Mount recommended pursuing an emitter feature for emergency response vehicles that would change the traffic lights upon approach.

Mount informed the Board that wood cut from behind the EMS Station would be donated to the Township Trustees for those needing wood. Mount requested permission to let EMS work on clearing some of the smaller trees and brush.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to approve the removal of the smaller trees and debris from behind the EMS Station. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

Mount expressed a desire to make changes in the role EMS has with the transport of deceased persons due to the additional disinfection processes in place. Jones stated he did not want the process changed between the Coroner and EMS.

NATURAL GAS TAP AT TRANSFER STATION PROPERTY

Julian requested that the Transfer Station site be analyzed for the presence of gas. By consensus, all agreed to allow Julian to proceed and contact Midwest Gas.

CONSIDERATION OF DECEMBER 2020 MONTHLY CLAIMS

The regular monthly claims docket for December 2020 was presented for consideration and approval for payment.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to approve payment of the regular monthly claims for December 2020. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

**PAYROLL RATIFICATION FOR JANUARY 4, 2021; CONSIDERATION OF DECEMBER 2, 2020
MINUTES**

The docket for the January 4, 2020 Payroll (Elected Officials only) was presented for consideration and ratification.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to approve and ratify the January 4, 2020 Payroll Docket for Elected Official only, as presented. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

The minutes from the December 2, 2020 Regular meeting were presented for review and approval consideration.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to approve the Regular meeting minutes from December 2, 2020 as written. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

2021 BOARD APPOINTMENTS

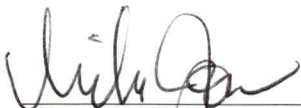
The 2021 Board Appointments were tabled until the second meeting in January to allow for review and providing nominations.

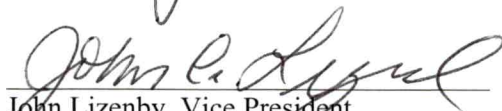
ADJOURNMENT

Miscellaneous topics were discussed prior to adjournment. Lizenby called Tim Meeks and Josh Colwell to the table to report on the condition of the hopper and compactor at the Transfer Station. Extreme rust and age will likely call for the replacement of the unit. Julian said he would take a look at it. Jones said he would like to look at the overall trash collection operation for the County. Lizenby suggested lighting be installed to illuminate the monument at Pigeon Ridge. Jones added that Robert Houston is retiring in 2021 and therefore a new attorney will be needed for the Board. Lizenby mentioned the unfinished business of the Visitors Commission.


Members welcomed all new officials that were in attendance.

There being no other business, Lizenby moved to adjourn the January 6, 2021 Regular meeting. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.


Mike Jones, President


John Lizenby, Vice President

Randy Julian, Member

ATTEST: 
Tammy Stout Johnson, Auditor

**BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING &
REGULAR SESSION OF SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 20, 2021**

The Scott County Board of Finance and Scott County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on January 20, 2021 at 5:00pm in the Commissioners Room, Suite 128, Courthouse. Those present were Commissioners Mike Jones, John Lizenby, and Randy Julian. Also present were Treasurer Missy Applegate and Auditor Tammy Stout Johnson.

President Jones called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and then opened the meeting for public comments. Regional Development Authority board member Steve Meyer invited members to their next meeting on February 3, 2021 in Madison at City Hall.

**BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING WITH REORGANIZATION FOR 2021 AND
2020 TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Missy Applegate provided the checking account balances for year ending December 31, 2020 totaling \$10,381,127.52. Applegate reported interest earnings of \$42,488.69 in 2020. Delinquent personal property taxes and penalties were collected in the amount of \$31,063.98 in 2020. Applegate stated the lockbox and online services were still available for taxpayers' convenience and safety during the pandemic.

MOTION: Julian moved to accept the 2020 Treasurer's Report as presented by Treasurer Missy Applegate. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

2021 Officers were nominated for the Board of Finance.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to appoint Mike Jones as President of the Board of Finance in 2021. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Julian moved to appoint John Lizenby as Vice President of the Board of Finance in 2021. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Julian moved to accept the 2020 Treasurer's Report as presented by Treasurer Missy Applegate. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

CEASe GRANT AWARDS-CLAIMS APPROVAL

The recommendations for the 2021 CEASe Grant recipients were reviewed by the Board. Categories and award amounts totaling \$17,734 were as follows:

Justice/Law Enforcement-\$5,967
Prevention/Education-\$1,800
Treatment/Intervention-\$5,967
Administration-\$4,000

MOTION: Lizenby moved to approve grant disbursements as recommended by the CEASe Grant Committee totaling \$17,734 in awards and administration costs. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

2021 HIGHWAY MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES BID OPENINGS

Auditor Johnson opened the bids received in response to the advertisement for 2021 Highway materials and supplies.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to take all 2021 Highway materials and supplies bids under advisement until the next meeting. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

**RIVER HILLS REPORT ON INFECTIOUS DISEASE GRANT; SEMI-ANNUAL AND PERFORMANCE
REPORTS ON LIFESPRING FACILITY GRANT; INCOME SURVEY UPDATE; COVID-19 RESPONSE
GRANT OPPORTUNITY**

Nick Creevy with River Hills EDC provided semi-annual reports on the Infectious Disease grant. Creevy also provided the semi-annual report on the LifeSpring Facility grant as well as the Performance report for the closeout. Creevy requested approval for the President to sign documents outside of the meeting to facilitate the closing of the grant. It was the consensus of the members to allow Jones to sign LifeSpring closeout documents as needed outside of the meetings.

Melissa Woods of RHEDC explained the need for authorization to proceed with the income survey to continue the process of obtaining funds to help with a County Comprehensive Plan. Woods said a list of county residential addresses would be needed to conduct the random income survey. All agreed to proceed with the income survey.

A grant opportunity through the Office of Community and Rural Affairs will be opening with awards of up to \$250,000. The funding would be targeted for helping small businesses struggling or developing innovations to maintain operation during the pandemic. The COVID-19 Response Planning grant would allow for any business located in Scott County to apply for up to \$10,000 in relief funds. There is no match funds required, but commitment to matching up to 10% looks good to OCRA and for every percent matched, a point is scored for the grant approval rating.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to approve the application by River Hills EDC for the OCRA COVID-19 Response Planning Grant. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ON OPIOID LAWSUIT

Former Commissioner Robert Tobias and Attorney Robert Houston provided an update on the lawsuit filed years ago against the Opioid pharmaceutical companies. Tobias said he had been contacted recently and requested to remain the designated liaison or contact as the lawsuit continues. Tobias stated he had a deep interest in the matter and it was solely for the benefit of Scott County. Members thanked Tobias and Houston for their work in the past six (6) years on the lawsuit. Houston said any member could contact him for a copy of the 200 page complaint.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to retain Bob Tobias and Bob Houston to act as liaisons for the opioid lawsuit. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT TEMPORARY COMPENSATION POLICY FOR VACCINATORS; CLAIMS
CONSIDERATION FOR CONTRACTUAL WORKERS**

Health Department Director Michelle Matern requested consideration for a temporary compensation policy for the COVID-19 vaccination clinics. The State has expectations for vaccination clinics to administer the doses, regardless of holidays, overtime hours, etc. Matern presented a temporary amendment to the compensation policy for 2021 which would allow for those county employees, non-exempt or exempt, to be compensated at an overtime rate of pay from January 11, 2021 until April 30, 2021 including worked holidays. Matern said the funding for the overtime would be the ISDH testing cost grant. WIS Consultants reviewed the document and agreed that it would be sufficient to temporarily amend the compensation policy for the applicable Health Department employees. The policy will have to be approved by Council before it would become effective.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to approve the temporary amendment for the compensation of Health Department staff (exempt and non-exempt) while working the vaccination clinics and forward the policy to Council. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

A claim in the amount of \$2,320 payable to Lindsey Pfaffenbach was considered for payment. The expense was for a contractual emergency worker that performed contract tracing for the Health Department.

MOTION: Julian moved to pay Lindsey Pfaffenbach \$2,320 for contractual work performed for the Health Department. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

TRASH SITE CAMERA UPDATE

IT Andrew Campbell provided updated pricing on installation of cameras at the remote weekly trash collection sites. Commissioners agreed by consensus to table the matter until the trash situation of the county can be discussed comprehensively.

CLERK CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR PRINTER LEASE

Clerk Wendy McClain sent a contract renewal with US Bank Equipment for consideration. The lease agreement provides for a newer mode copier/printer with a reduction in price from the prior year.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to approve the printer lease renewal contract which resulted in a savings of \$29.73 monthly over the prior year's cost. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

PLAN COMMISSION UPDATE

Plan Commission Secretary Marty Randall provided the 2020 Annual Activity report to the Board.

SCOTT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ROOM RENOVATION FOR CORONER

Jones reported that he secured a renovation quote from LATCO to make the space available at the Hospital usable for the Coroner's morgue, autopsy room, and office. In addition to the estimated \$27,438 for the materials and labor, permitting and engineering fees would add another \$4,000-\$5,000 to the total cost. The cooler, table, and stretcher equipment was on order. Auditor Johnson asked where the equipment should be delivered due to an email indicating delivery on January 22, 2021. All agreed to have it delivered to the storage area behind the Health Department.

Lizenby said he did not have a problem with LATCO performing the work, but would prefer to open future projects up to others as well.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to proceed with sending estimates to Council for funding approval for renovation of space at Scott Memorial Hospital into the Coroner's morgue and office. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

EMS UPDATE; HOLIDAY ROLLOVER REQUEST; MENTAL SUPPORT SOP UPDATES

EMS Director Shannon Mount informed the Board of the need for increased mental health awareness and support. Mount stated the SOPs would be updated to include information and resources, etc. to assist those needing support.

Mount explained that several technicians had not used all of the holiday leave time allotted in 2020. The County Personnel Handbook policy states that unused holiday time will not be carried forward and therefore is forfeited if not used by December 31 of each year. Due to staffing needs and the public health emergency, Mount requested a one-time exception be allowed for handbook policy for the EMS holiday usage. Mount asked for those hours to be carried over into 2021 with the stipulation that all 2020 hours would be used by June 30, 2021.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to allow unused EMS Holiday hours to be carried over from 2020 and

used by June 30, 2021. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

CLAIM CONSIDERATION FOR SCOTT COUNTY MUSEUM

A claim in the amount of \$1,000 was considered for payment approval to the Scott County Museum for the purchase of a commemorative Scott County Bicentennial quilt.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to approve payment to the Scott County museum in the amount of \$1,000. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL RATIFICATION FOR JANUARY 15, 2021; CONSIDERATION OF DECEMBER 16, 2020 MINUTES

The docket for the January 15, 2021 Payroll was presented for consideration and ratification.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to approve and ratify the January 15, 2020 Payroll Docket, as presented. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

The minutes from the December 16, 2020 Regular meeting were presented for review and approval consideration.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to approve the Regular meeting minutes from December 16, 2020, as written. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

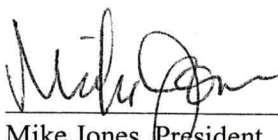
2021 BOARD APPOINTMENTS


Members reviewed the list of Boards and appointees. Nominations were considered for new appointees to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission (Greg Prince), Scott County Economic Development Commission (Mike Jones), Civil Defense/EMA (Randy Julian); and Drainage Board (Randy Julian). All others were left as appointed in 2020.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to accept those nominated (as listed above) and retain all other appointees from 2020. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

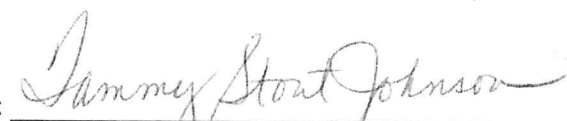
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