

**REGULAR SESSION**  
**SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**FEBRUARY 3, 2021**

The Scott County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on February 3, 2021 at 5:00 pm in the Commissioners Room, Suite 128, Courthouse. Those present were Commissioners Mike Jones (via conference call), 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. No comments were made by the public.

**2021 HIGHWAY MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES BID OPENINGS**

Since there was a delay with the summary of the 2021 Highway materials bids (opened at the prior meeting), members considered tabling the announcement of results.

**MOTION:** Julian moved to table the announcement of the 2021 Highway Bid results until the February 17, 2021 meeting. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

**RIVER HILLS EDC GRANT APPLICATION UPDATE**

Melissa Woods of River Hills EDC provided a progress update on the grant application to benefit small businesses in the County. Woods indicated that Redevelopment Funds may be a potential source for the matching funds which will be just under \$28,000. Woods is tentatively looking at March 9, 2021 for the public hearing. Woods requested that members encourage small business owners to compose letters of support to help with the application for the grant.

Woods then discussed the inclusion of Scott County on the INDOT contract list of counties that use River Hills EDC to apply for the Community Crossings grants. Jones questioned whether to place Scott County on the list because we would not want additional cost if it was part of the soon to be hired Highway Director’s job duties. Woods said she would pose the question to INDOT regarding the obligation if Scott County was included on their contract’s list.

**MOTION:** Julian moved to approve the inclusion of Scott County in the contract between INDOT and River Hills EDC, pending the response from INDOT that would not bind Scott County to go through RHEDC for CCMG applications. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

**SHERIFF UPDATE; END OF YEAR COMMISSARY REPORT; SAFE ECHANGE PARKING AREA**

Sheriff Jerry Goodin provided the year end Commissary Report for 2020 with the Commissioners’ acknowledgement.

Goodin reported that rapid COVID testing was being conducted at the Jail as allowed by the State of Indiana. Sheriff Goodin informed the members that the breathalyzer testing machine should be moved to the Sally Port area outside of the Jail to eliminate potential exposure to COVID-19. Conversion of a Sally Port storage closet for the testing would cost less than \$5,000. Goodin requested permission to proceed with the project.

**MOTION:** Julian moved to approve converting the Jail’s Sally Port storage room into a breathalyzer testing room. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Goodin explained the need for a "safe exchange" area to accommodate local internet transactions and individuals meeting to pick up and drop off children. Goodin discussed the benefits of having two (2) parking spaces covered by a camera in the parking lot across from the Jail. Sheriff Goodin said he would research and report on any negative legal aspects, if any.

**MOTION:** Julian moved to approve making a "Safe" Exchange area for kids and local market transactions converting two (2) parking spaces with camera coverage. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT CUSTODIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

A renewal of the Custodial Service Contract for the Health Department was presented for consideration. The services are provided by Joyce Hickman for the 1296 North Gardner (Scottsburg) and the 2277 West Frontage Road (Austin) locations with payment of \$900 per month.

**MOTION:** Jones moved to approve the 2021 Health Department Custodial Service Agreement totaling \$900 per month for the cleaning of the Health Department and the One Stop Shop. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **CORONER'S OFFICE**

Deputy Coroner Jonathan White discussed the possibility of locating the Coroner's Office in the North Gardner building (behind the Health Department). Lizenby asked if the Coroner was on board with the idea. White then requested the permission to seek quotes on the build out of the space and thus put the process on hold for locating the office at the hospital.

Jones stated that over the course of the past year, Commissioners have been trying to work out arrangements with Scott Memorial, a letter of intent was signed by both parties, and action was taken by the Commissioners to send the funding request to Council. Up until this point, there had not been any complaints. White replied that plumbing was in place and he felt that construction would be minimal. White said that he inquired about the need for a State permit and was told that none would be required to construct. Jones wanted proof that a State permit/inspection would not be required for the construction adding that the only reason he was agreeing to this was because of it being County property. White said he would contact the State the next day.

**MOTION:** Julian moved to hold off on action for the location of the Coroner's Office until a determination is made by the State regarding permitting and inspection for construction at North Gardner building and set a special meeting for February 8, 2021 at 4:30 pm for discussion. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners requested the Coroner be present at the special meeting.

#### **EMS UPDATE; RATIFY 2021 FUEL PRICE WITH PREMIER; CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS PAYMENT FROM CARES FUND**

EMS Director Shannon Mount requested ratification of the Premier Fuel Contract to lock in pricing for the year.

**MOTION:** Julian moved to ratify 2021 EMS Fuel Contract with Premier for locking in fuel purchase prices. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.



A batch of claims totaling \$431,005.07 for purchases made with CARES Act reimbursements were presented for review and payment approval.

**MOTION:** Jones moved to approve urgent payment of the EMS claims in the amount of \$431,005.07. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

Mount reported that twenty (20) trees were marked for removal after inspection by a State Forester.

**2021 PERSONNEL POLICIES FOR EMPLOYEE COVID-19 ABSENCES**

In the absence of Federal guidelines as the pandemic continues to impact employees, Commissioners considered extending partial benefits of the 2020 Families First Coronavirus Response Act. Under the County’s policies, employees quarantined or ill due to Coronavirus would be allowed up to 80 hours emergency paid leave through June 30, 2021. The 2021 COVID-19 Emergency Family Medical Leave and Emergency Sick Leave Policies would not cover other emergency leave reasons stated in the prior expired 2020 FFCRA policy.

**MOTION:** Julian moved to approve the 2021 COVID-19 Emergency Family Medical Leave and Emergency Sick Leave Policies for specified COVID-19 related employee absences. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

**JANUARY 2021 MONTHLY CLAIMS PAYMENT CONSIDERATION; RATIFICATION OF PARRIS  
AUTO CLAIMS**

The regular monthly claims docket for January 2021 was presented for consideration and approval for payment along with two (2) claims for ratification payable to Parris Auto in the amounts of \$549.92 and \$2,932.59 for repair of the Highway Department gradeall.

**MOTION:** Jones moved to approve payment of the January 2021 monthly claims and ratify the payments to Parris Auto totaling \$3,482.51 as presented. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

**PAYROLL RATIFICATION FOR JANUARY 29, 2021; CONSIDERATION OF DECEMBER 30, 2020  
MINUTES**

The docket for the January 29, 2021 Payroll was presented for consideration and ratification.

**MOTION:** Jones moved to ratify January 29, 2021 payroll docket. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

The minutes from the December 30, 2020 Special Commissioner meeting were presented for review and consideration.

**MOTION:** Jones moved approve December 30, 2020 Special Commissioner Meeting Minutes as written. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

**HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS; COUNTY ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT LETTER  
AND ADVERTISEMENT**

Auditor Johnson was asked to schedule interviews for the Highway Supervisor applicants at 5:00 pm on February 8 and February 9, 2021.

Auditor Johnson provided a letter of interest that would be sent to attorneys in Scott County and the surrounding areas in the search for their counsel.

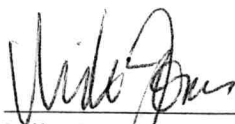
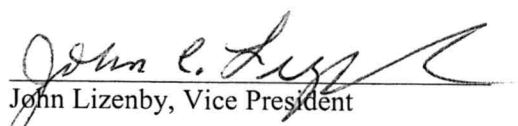
**FMLA APPROVAL**

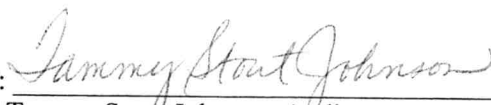
One (1) request for Family Medical Leave was reviewed by the Board.

**MOTION:** Jones moved to approve the single (1) FMLA request. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, Julian moved to adjourn the February 3, 2021 Regular meeting of the Scott County Board of Commissioners. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

  
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Mike Jones, President  
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John Lizenby, Vice President  
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Randy Julian, Member

ATTEST:   
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Tammy Stout Johnson, Auditor