

**REGULAR SESSION**  
**SCOTT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**NOVEMBER 9, 2021**

The Scott County Council met in Regular Session on November 9, 2021 at 9:30 am in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Suite 128, Courthouse, First Floor. Those present were Council members Rachael Hardin, Donnie Richie, Eric Gillespie, Diane Mullins, Ab Watts, and Raymond Jones. Member Lyndi Hughbanks was not present at the meeting. Also present were Auditor Tammy Stout Johnson and Chief Deputy Auditor Teresa Vannarsdall.

The meeting was called to order by President Hardin who opened the meeting with roll call, then led in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an invocation. President Hardin opened the floor for public comments. No comments were made by the public.

**CITY OF SCOTTSBURG MAYOR AMICK REGARDING REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT**

Mayor Terry Amick addressed the Council regarding his view of the relationship between the City of Scottsburg and the Regional Sewer District. Mayor Amick reported on the City's plans to expand housing in the near future. Amick spoke about concerns regarding flow meters, ground water infiltration of the lines, and his desire for Regional Sewer Board representation for the cities of Scottsburg and Austin. Mayor Hawkins of the City of Austin echoed the sentiment to have representatives for the cities because the non-solid waste was processed at both cities' sewer treatment facilities.

**REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT BOARD APPOINTMENT RESOLUTION #2021-021**

County Attorney Zach Stewart and Regional Sewer District Attorney Tom Scifres responded to some of Mayor Amick's comments. Scifres provided history of the State's regulatory agencies along with the missed change in statute that moved the authority for SCRSD board appointments from the Commissioners to the Council. Stewart and Scifres both concurred that the current SCRSD board appointments should be re-established by the Council. City representation would be a future matter, if there are changes approved by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

Both attorneys advised the Council that the matter for today was to properly appoint the members of the Regional Sewer District's five (5) Wards as described in Resolution #2021-021 Re-Establishing and Ratifying Prior Appointments to the Scott County Regional Sewage District.

**MOTION:** Jones moved to adopt and approve signature of the Council President for Resolution #2021-021 Re-Establishing and Ratifying Prior Appointments to the Scott County Regional Sewage District as detailed in the resolution for the Wards, Appointees, and corresponding terms for continuity of operation of the SCRSD. Second provided by Mullins. Motion carried with five (5) in favor and one (1) opposed (Richie).

**SHERIFF'S ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST**

A FEMA reimbursement in the amount of \$5,832.17 was received for Jail expenses related to the cleaning and mitigation of COVID-19. Creation of an Other Services (#30111) line item was requested with an additional appropriation of the entire amount into the newly created line item in Fund #8908 FEMA Jail Cleaning.

**MOTION:** Richie moved to create an Other Services (#30111) line item in Fund #8908 FEMA Jail Cleaning. Second provided by Mullins. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Richie moved to approve the \$5,832.17 additional appropriation to the newly created Other Services (#30111) line item in Fund #8908. Second provided by Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT GRANT APPLICATION REQUESTS; ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST**

Health Department Director Michelle Matern requested approval to make application for a Federal grant in the amount of \$110,000. The reimbursable funds are given to local health departments to sustain and support public health COVID-19 response and effort in school districts. The grant does not require matching funds.

**MOTION:** Watts moved to approve the federal grant application in the amount of \$110,000 for funding of local health departments response to COVID-19 in school districts. Second provided by Richie. Motion carried unanimously.

Matern presented an application for the Cities Readiness Regional Coordinator grant. For the past three (3) years, Scott County has served as the fiscal agent for the funds which supply a Regional Coordinator for matters of Public Health Preparedness. The \$75,000 allocation covers the wages of a Coordinator from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The accompanying contract for the CRI Regional Coordinator Services Agreement was also presented for approval consideration.

**MOTION:** Jones moved to approve the grant application for \$75,000 to renew the Cities Readiness Initiative program and approve the Regional Coordinator Services Agreement. Second provided by Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

Matern explained that \$118,644.40 was received in October for reimbursement of medical claims associated with COVID-19 vaccinations. Matern requested approval for an additional appropriation of the entire amount into the Other Services (#30111) line in Fund #8106 COVID Vaccination Administration Fee.

**MOTION:** Jones moved to approve the \$118,644.40 additional appropriation to the Other Services (#30111) line item in Fund #8106 COVID Vaccination Administration Fee. Second provided by Mullins. Motion carried unanimously.

Matern spoke of the United Way request of \$5,000 that was presented earlier in the year. Vannarsdall informed the Board that the 1782 Budget Notice should be coming from the State soon to indicate the availability of funds.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TRANSFER REQUEST**

Highway Supervisor Kevin Hall requested a transfer in #1176 for \$5,700 from Transport Expense (#32205) to Tires (#22101) to cover the line item shortage.

**MOTION:** Watts moved to approve the \$5,700 transfer from Transport Expense (#32205) to Tires (#22101) in #1176 Highway Fund. Second provided by Gillespie. Motion carried unanimously.

**PURDUE EXTENSION TRANSFER REQUESTS**

County Extension Director Marilyn Sink requested transfers within their portion of General Fund from the lines of Maintenance Contracts (#37001) in the amount of \$1,200 and Travel Expenses (#31300) in the amount of \$150 for a total of \$1,350 to the Office Supplies (#21000) line item.

**MOTION:** Gillespie moved to approve the \$1,350 transfer into the Office Supplies (#21000) line item from Maintenance Contracts (#37001) in the amount of \$1,200 and Travel Expenses (#31300) in the amount of \$150 in General Fund. Second provided by Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

**EMS ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST; SAFE HAVEN BOX ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST**

A FEMA reimbursement in the amount of \$37,801.36 was received for EMS run expenses related to the mitigation of COVID-19. An additional appropriation of the entire amount into the Medical Supplies (#21700) line item in Fund #8907 FEMA COVID 19 Ambulance Response.

**MOTION:** Watts moved to approve the \$37,801.36 additional appropriation to the Medical Supplies (#21700) line item in Fund #8907 FEMA COVID 19 Ambulance Response. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional appropriations totaling \$21,062 were requested in the Safe Haven Box Fund #9173 as follows: \$3,000 to the Contractual Services (#30100) line; \$8,062 to the Dues & Subscriptions (#37000) line; and \$10,000 to the Medical Equipment (#42003) line.

**MOTION:** Richie moved to approve the additional appropriations in the Safe Haven Box Fund #9173 totaling \$21,062 to the Contractual Services (#30100) line in the amount of \$3,000; to Dues & Subscriptions (#37000) line in the amount of \$8,062; and \$10,000 to the Medical Equipment (#42003) line. Second provided by Mullins. Motion carried unanimously.



**E911 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST**

EMA/E911 Director Jeff Fortner requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$13,996 for the County's match portion for the NG911 GIS Mapping Grant. Fortner reported that the installation was completed.

**MOTION:** Mullins moved to approve the \$13,996 additional appropriation for the NG911 GIS Mapping Grant match funds. Second provided by Hardin. Motion carried unanimously.

**BUILDING COMMISSION TRANSFER REQUEST**

Building Inspector Ben Petty requested a line item creation and transfers in the Building Commission portion of General Fund as follows: Create a new Vehicle Maintenance Supplies (#22103) line item; a transfer in the amount of \$1,200 from Travel Expense (#31300) to the newly created Vehicle Maintenance Supplies (#22103) line; and a transfer in the amount of \$634 from Travel Expense (#31300) to the Wearing Apparel/Uniform (#27500) line.

**MOTION:** Watts moved to create a Vehicle Maintenance Supplies (#22103) line item in the Building Commission portion of General Fund. Second provided by Richie. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Jones moved to approve the \$1,200 transfer from Travel Expense (#31300) to the newly created Vehicle Maintenance Supplies (#22103) line. Second provided by Hardin. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Watts moved to approve the \$634 transfer from Travel Expense (#31300) to the Wearing Apparel/Uniform (#27500) line. Second provided by Gillespie. Motion carried unanimously.

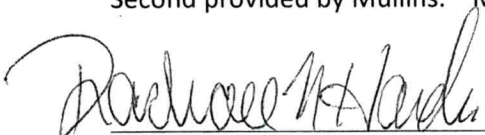
**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 MEETING**


Minutes from the Regular meeting of September 14, 2021 were presented for review and approval consideration.

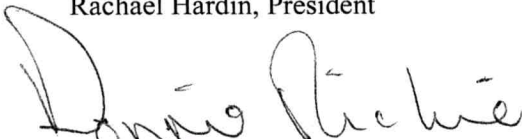
**MOTION:** Jones moved to approve the minutes from the Regular September 14, 2021 meeting as presented. Second provided by Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

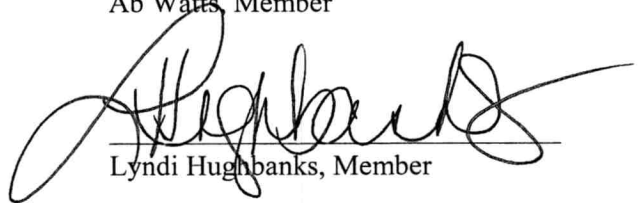
**ADJOURNMENT**


With no other business, Jones moved to adjourn the November 9, 2021 Regular meeting of the Council. Second provided by Mullins. Motion carried unanimously.

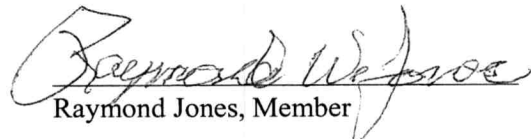
  
Rachael Hardin, President

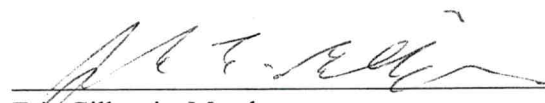
  
Ab Watts, Member

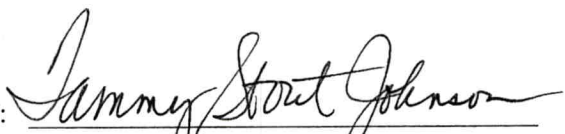
  
Donnie Richie, Vice President

  
Lyndi Hughbanks, Member

  
Diane Mullins, Member

  
Raymond Jones, Member

  
Eric Gillespie, Member

ATTEST:   
Tammy Stout Johnson, Scott County Auditor