

**SPECIAL JOINT SESSION****SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS & COUNCIL****FEBRUARY 10, 2022**

The Scott County Board of Commissioners and Council met in Special Session on February 10, 2022 at 10:00 am in the Commissioners Room, Suite 128, Courthouse. Commissioners present were Mike Jones, John Lizenby, and Randy Julian. Council members present were Rachael Hardin, Donnie Richie, Raymond Jones, Lyndi Hughbanks, and Eric Gillespie. Council members Diane Mullins and Ab Watts were not present at the meeting. Also present was Auditor Tammy Stout Johnson.

Commissioner Jones called the Commissioners to order. Hardin called the Council members to order.

**VISITORS COMMISSION/TRANSITION TO COUNTY DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Jones explained the State Board of Accounts' opinion on the status of the employee's under the Visitors Commission. The SBOA relayed in their management letters from the past few audits that those currently employed by the VC are County employees. Therefore their payroll and bookkeeping functions should be performed by the Auditor's Office, not as the current, independent operation.

Councilman Jones added that he spoke with VC Director Mike Chesser at last year's budget session and promised to research the matter. Jones determined from previous minutes of the Commissioner proceedings, that the Innkeeper's Tax was imposed by the County with a seven (7) member board being formed by 1998. Jones emphasized the importance of the VC for increasing visitors and residency for the county.

Lizenby said the VC should have the opportunity to speak at the next Commissioners meeting to voice their position. Hardin requested more details be provided to Council regarding the expenditures of the VC. Commissioner Jones added that Boards don't run the County, their members are appointed by the BOC.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Jones moved to proceed with the VC operating under the County by June 30, 2022. Jones then rescinded his motion to allow for the Visitors Commission to speak at the March 2, 2022 Commissioners meeting.

**EMS POSITIONS AND FINANCES**

Questions were raised regarding the increase for EMS appropriations in 2022 from the Public Safety LIT fund. In 2021, approximately \$281,000 was budgeted in PS LIT to cover insurance expenses for the purpose of giving EMS time to rebound. It appears that EMS will need an additional appropriation of over \$400,000 from PS LIT to cover what the State did not approve for the 2022 budget.

Hardin requested a special meeting with EMS and Commissioners to discuss the finances. All agreed to meet on February 17, 2022 at 10:00 am.

**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE**

Staffing was discussed along with job description updates for the Veterans Service Officer positions to better reflect the State requirements. Councilman Jones said he was for a full time VSO adding that a sign on the door could suffice when the VSO is not in the office.

**COUNTYWIDE TRASH SYSTEM**

Hardin mentioned the two (2) contracts with the remote site hauling vendor. Lizenby said he contacted Campbell's Hauling and secured an updated certificate of insurance, as required by the contract.

Discussion then moved to the Transfer Station after Hughbanks asked if the County should operate a trash system. Commissioner Jones said he had asked Commissioners from a neighboring county about what they did about countywide trash, but they replied they didn't do anything.

Commissioner Jones explained about the Ecotech expenses, failing compactor, etc. at the Transfer Station. Hughbanks stated that the County should get out of trash management. Hardin feared that trash would then be thrown along roads, dumped, etc. Hardin wanted the contracts lined out with the hauler. Richie agreed with a new contract for the remote site hauling and recyclables.

**COUNTYWIDE VEHICLE INVENTORY**

Hardin was curious about vehicle inventory. Commissioner Jones suggested setting a vehicle limit on each department. Hughbanks said that Commissary purchases should not be reimbursed from tax dollars.

**COUNTY CELL PHONE STIPEND**

Hughbanks suggested an employment policy to Bring Your Own Device and therefore eliminate the expectation of cell phone stipends for certain positions. With current phone plans, minutes are unlimited, so the additional use of personal phones for county business communications is not really an additional cost to the employees. Interest was expressed in researching cell phone expenditures.

**SANITARIAN CELL PHONE LINE ITEM CREATION**

Health Department Director Michelle Matern explained that the Sanitarian Cell Phone line was created for the 2021 budget, but that was after the budget was adopted for 2022. The same action was needed to create the line item for the 2022 budget.

**MOTION:** Hughbanks moved to create the Sanitarian Cell Phone line item in the Health Departments 2022 budget. Seconded by Hardin. Motion carried with four (4) in favor and one (1) opposed (Gillespie).

**INTERLOCAL WITH SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 FOR MINIBUS DONATION**

The Interlocal Agreement between the County and Scott County School District #1 for the transfer of a 2002 Chevrolet Minibus was presented for consideration again due to being tabled at the February 8, 2022 Council meeting. The Commissioners approved the agreement at their February 2, 2022 meeting. The donated vehicle would be used by EMA.

**MOTION:** Richie moved to approve the Interlocal agreement with SCSD#1 for the donation of a 2002 Chevy Minibus for use of EMA. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried with four (4) in favor and one (1) opposed (Gillespie).

**EMS/HIGHWAY VEHICLE TRADE/SWAP/PURCHASE**

This matter will be addressed at the February 17, 2022 Special meeting being held to discuss EMS operations.

**SALARY ORDINANCE #2022-001 (A)**

Salary Ordinance #2022-001, Section (A) was provided to members. Highway Department Supervisor confirmed that the Highway Bookkeeper position was preferred for their operation over the Administrative Assistant position.

**MOTION:** Hughbanks moved to approve Salary Ordinance #2022-001, Section (A) keeping the Highway Bookkeeper position and deleting the Highway Administrative Assistant line. Seconded by Richie. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, Jones moved to adjourn the Commissioners for the February 10, 2022 Special Joint meeting of the Scott County Board of Commissioners and Council. Second provided

by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no other business, Hughbanks moved to adjourn the Council portion of the February 10, 2022 Special Joint meeting of the Scott County Board of Commissioners and Council. Second provided by Gillespie. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS:

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Mike Jones, President

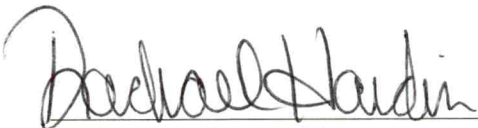
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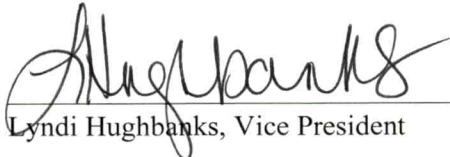
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COUNCIL:

  
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Rachael Hardin, President


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Ab Watts, Member

  
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Lyndi Hughbanks, Vice President

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Donnie Richie, Member

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Diane Mullins, Member

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Raymond Jones, Member

  
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Eric Gillespie, Member

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Tammy Stout Johnson, County Auditor



**SPECIAL JOINT SESSION**  
**SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS & COUNCIL**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2022**

The Scott County Board of Commissioners and Council met in Special Session on February 16, 2022 at 3:00 pm in the Commissioners Room, Suite 128, Courthouse. The Commissioners present were Mike Jones, John Lizenby, and Randy Julian. Council members present were Rachael Hardin, Lyndi Highbanks, and Ab Watts. Council members Diane Mullins, Donnie Richie, Eric Gillespie, and Raymond Jones were not present at the meeting. Also present was Chief Deputy Auditor Teresa Vannarsdall, and Auditor Tammy Stout Johnson.

Commissioner Jones called the Commissioners to order. Council did not have quorum.

**AMERICAN RESCUE FUND FINAL RULES UPDATE PRESENTED BY BAKER TILLY**

Jason Semler of Baker Tilly presented information on the ARPA final rule from the IRS. The final release allowed for up to \$10 million of ARPA funds to be taken into a unit under the loss recovery clause. Originally, the amount taken under loss recovery was limited to what was derived from a specific calculation consisting of all funds. Scott County received \$4.63 million, well under the maximum allowance. Therefore, 100% of the County’s ARPA funds could be claimed under the loss recovery clause. Once taken as loss recovery, several of the restrictions no longer apply and the use becomes more flexible. The funds must be spent by December 31, 2026, so no allocations can be made to any Rainy Day funds.

Semler warned against use of the funds to cover budget shortfalls. Semler advised to think along the lines of “once in a lifetime” projects.

**COUNTY ARPA PLAN CHANGES**

The ordinance can be amended to reflect the new allowances for loss recovery under the IRS Final Rule.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, Lizenby moved to adjourn the Commissioners for the February 16, 2022 Special Joint meeting of the Scott County Board of Commissioners and Council. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

No Council adjournment due to lack of quorum.

**COMMISSIONERS:**

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Mike Jones, President

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Randy Julian, Member

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John Lizenby, Vice President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Tammy Stout Johnson, Auditor

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**FEBRUARY 17, 2022**

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Commissioner Jones called the Commissioners to order. Hardin called the Council members to order. The Boards mutually agreed that no decisions would be made during the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to obtain information and engage in discussion in a workshop type setting.

**EMS OPERATIONS AND FINANCES**

Gillespie called on Chief Deputy Auditor Vannarsdall and EMS Director Oleck to make presentations regarding the budget figures. Based on the revenue stream and the 2022 Budget approved for EMS, there remained a shortfall even after the \$281,000 LIT support was repeated for EMS (in 2021, Public Safety LIT covered approximately \$281,000 in EMS expenses). The 2022 budget figures were returned with a directive from the State for a cut the EMS budget by approximately \$490,000. Council was left with a decision to make on whether to cut the budget, move additional expenses to the Public Safety LIT fund, or a combination of both for EMS for 2022.

Oleck said he was encouraged by the recent upward trend in revenue. Councilman Jones stated the billing service can give indications if our service charges are at or near industry standards. Oleck added that EMS is a service operation so to cut the additional (third) truck would not be advisable. Commissioner Jones said EMS should get on track and eventually not need the tax roll support.

All recognized the difficulty the tight budget faced with the recent fuel and medical supplies price increases.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, Lizenby moved to adjourn the Commissioners for the February 17, 2022 Special Joint meeting of the Scott County Board of Commissioners and Council. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

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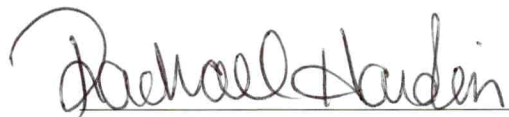
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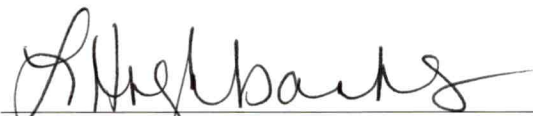
Tammy Stout Johnson, Auditor

COUNCIL:

There being no other business, Watts moved to adjourn the Council portion of the February 17, 2022 Special Joint meeting of the Scott County Board of Commissioners and Council. Second provided by Richie. Motion carried unanimously.

  
Rachael Hardin, President


  
Ab Watts, Member


  
Lyndi Hughbanks, Vice President

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Donnie Richie, Member

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Diane Mullins, Member

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Raymond Jones, Member

  
Eric Gillespie, Member

ATTEST:   
Tammy Stout Johnson, County Auditor