

REGULAR SESSION
SCOTT COUNTY COUNCIL
MARCH 8, 2022

The Scott County Council met in Regular Session on March 8, 2022 at 9:30 am in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Suite 128, Courthouse, First Floor. Those present were Council members Rachael Hardin, Lyndi Hughbanks, Donnie Richie, Ab Watts, Eric Gillespie, Raymond Jones, and Diane Mullins. 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, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation.

Hardin opened the floor for public comments. No comments were made by the public.

**PUBLIC SAFETY LOCAL INCOME TAX ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS FOR EMS AND
GENERAL FUND**

Council members discussed and deliberated over the shortfall of the 2022 EMS Budget. Council approval was given for the approximate \$1.9 million EMS budget. After review, the State determined that revenues would not support the proposed EMS budget. Per the State, approximately \$431,000 had to be cut to balance it for 2022.

In addition to the shortfall, EMS Director Nick Oleck requested funding of \$66,809 to start a Paramedic Training course in July 2022. The course will run an 18-month cycle. If a class was not started soon, Scott County's accreditation was in jeopardy and all of the investment to start the Paramedic Institute would be lost. Jones agreed with Gillespie on the continuation of the Paramedic Training Institute due to the prior investments. Jones stated he had faith in the program to sustain itself in the future. Jones said that Scott County has the responsibility to provide emergency services and added that he would not want to cut one dime if it cut the service. Jones was in favor of covering the shortfalls now with confidence it will return to being self-sufficient in the future.

MOTION: Jones moved to approve an additional appropriation of \$66,809 from LIT Public Safety Fund to support a Paramedic Training Course to begin in July 2022. Second provided by Gillespie. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Jones moved to approve an additional appropriation of \$430,818 from LIT Public Safety Fund to cover the 2022 EMS Budget shortfall. Second provided by Richie. Motion carried with six (6) in favor and one (1) opposed (Gillespie).

By consensus, Chief Deputy Auditor Vannarsdall was approved to make adjustments between Fund #1151 and LIT Public Safety and provide a report to Council.

Deputy Auditor Vannarsdall discussed the option of moving Jail related expenses from General Fund to LIT Special Purpose to compensate for the approximate \$252,000 shortfall in General Fund for the 2022 Budget.

MOTION: Richie moved to approve Vannarsdall's recommendation to balance the \$252,000 shortfall of the General Fund for the 2022 Budget. Second provided by Watts. Motion failed with two (2) in favor and five (5) opposed.

Mullins said the budgets need to tighten and Hughbanks added the Departments are on notice now. Members agreed to give those departments with budgets in General Fund an opportunity to make choices on the reductions.

AMENDED AGENDA TO INCLUDE EMS DURANGO PURCHASE

EMS Director Nick Oleck revisited the matter of the new chase vehicles for EMS. Oleck requested Council consider funding the purchase of one (1) Durango instead of the original request of two (2) vehicles.

MOTION: Hughbanks moved to amend the agenda to include EMS Durango Purchase and advertise for an additional appropriation of \$15,000 the Rental Proceeds Fund and Timber Sales Fund for consideration at the April meeting. Second provided by Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDED AGENDA TO INCLUDE EMS TRAINING OFFICER SALARY

MOTION: Hughbanks moved to amend the agenda to include EMS Training Officer Salary. Second provided by Watts. Motion carried with six (6) in favor and (1) opposed (Gillespie).

Oleck requested consideration of increasing the EMS Training Officer Salary from \$45,220 to \$51,220. Oleck stated the difference would be covered by transfers in the existing budget.

Members agreed to advertise the request for the April meeting.

SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL INCOME TAX ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

An additional appropriation of \$25,000 in LIT Special Purpose was considered to cover the cost of HIV medications for Jail inmates incarcerated over 180 days.

MOTION: Hughbanks moved to approve the \$25,000 additional appropriation from the LIT Special Purpose fund to cover HIV medical expenses. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY FUND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

An additional appropriation for personal services of \$2,766 was requested in the Highway budget (#1176) to cover the difference in compensation of the current Highway Bookkeeper position that was changed from Administrative Assistant in 2022.

MOTION: Gillespie moved to approve the \$2,766 additional appropriation from the Highway Fund (#1176) to put the correct amount in the Bookkeeper line item. Second provided by Hardin. Motion carried unanimously.

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

An additional appropriation for personal services of \$791 was requested in the Cumulative Capital Development fund (#1138) to correct the amount in the line item for compensation of the IT Specialist position in 2022.

MOTION: Richie moved to approve the \$791 additional appropriation from the CCD fund (#1138) to put the correct amount in the IT Specialist line item. Second provided by Mullins. Motion carried unanimously.

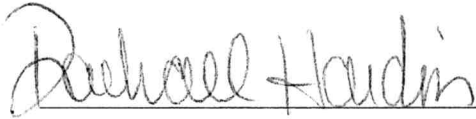
CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 11, 2022 REGULAR MEETING; FEBRUARY 2, 2022 SPECIAL JOINT MEETING; AND FEBRUARY 8, 2022 REGULAR MEETING

Minutes from the January 11, 2022 Regular meeting, the Special Joint meeting on February 2, 2022, and the February 8, 2022 Regular meeting were presented for review.

MOTION: Gillespie moved to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2022 Regular meeting, February 2, 2022 Special Joint meeting, and the February 8, 2022 Regular meeting, as written. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

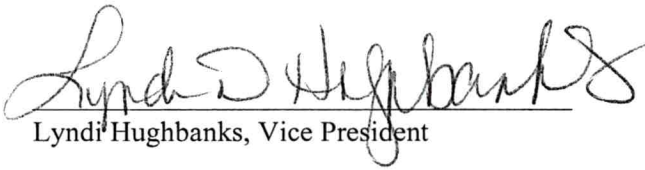
ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, Watts moved to adjourn the March 8, 2022 Regular meeting of the Scott County Council. Second provided by Richie. Motion carried unanimously.

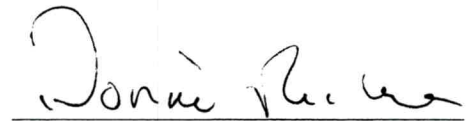


Rachael Hardin, President

Ab Watts, Member

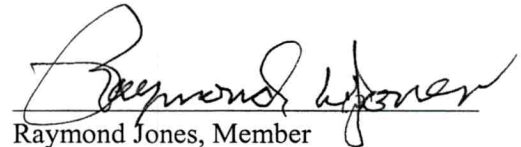


Lyndi Hughbanks, Vice President

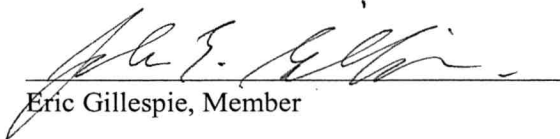


Donnie Richie, Member

Diane Mullins, Member

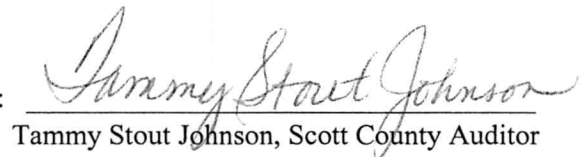


Raymond Jones, Member



Eric Gillespie, Member

ATTEST:



Tammy Stout Johnson, Scott County Auditor