

REGULAR SESSION
SCOTT COUNTY COUNCIL
APRIL 12, 2022

The Scott County Council met in Regular Session on April 12, 2022 at 9:30 am in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Suite 128, Courthouse, First Floor. Those present were Council members Rachael Hardin, Lyndi Highbanks, Ab Watts, Eric Gillespie, Raymond Jones, and Diane Mullins. Member Donnie Richie 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 Chairman Hardin who opened the meeting with roll call, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation.

Hardin opened the floor for public comments. Councilman Jones read the following statements:

"The Scottsburg Volunteer Fire Department and all mutual aid agencies are recognized for exceptional effort in the containment and extinguishment of the Vail Lumber Company Fire. Outstanding professional work. Scott County is fortunate to have such a group of dedicated volunteers".

"As part of National Telecommunication Week, the Scott County Dispatch Center and personnel are recognized for their dedicated work, day after day, 365 days a year. The dispatch center and personnel are vital for the safety of our citizens and are very much appreciated".

"An organization known as Kentuckiana Crime Stoppers has recognized the citizens of Scott County as having partnered with the Scott County Sheriff's Office to create a community oriented policing model for other agencies across the United States to follow to ensure a safe and secure community. This information is taken, in part, from a plaque and citation presented to the Scott County Sheriff by Kentuckiana Crime Stoppers. The citizens of Scott County, all of us, are hereby commended for our efforts to make our County a better place".

MOTION: Jones moved to include the above statements within the records of this meeting's minutes. Second provided by Hardin. Motion carried unanimously.

President Hardin apologized to the Visitors Commission for recent comments. Hardin acknowledged that some figures stated were incorrect. Hardin clarified comments on the system of support grants through the VC and added that she wanted to work with all Boards.

INDIANA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Abigail Clark introduced herself as the Outreach contact for Southern Indiana from the Indiana Attorney General's Office.

READI GRANT WITH SOUTHERN INDIANA YOUTH SPORTS COMPLEX PROJECT

Assistant CFO of Scott County School District #2 Casey Brewster provided information on the status of the READI grant for a sports complex center located in Scott County. The Regional Development Authority was successful and awarded \$50 million dollars. The sports center was one of the twelve (12) projects on the RDA's list approved for the next phases of a feasibility study and securing local investments.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT GRANT APPLICATION REQUESTS

Health Department Director Michelle Matern presented three (3) grant applications for approval consideration as follows: \$1,000 advance grant from the Indiana Department of Health for completion of a 2021 survey; \$59,579 reimbursable grant for the renewal of immunization funding (covers supplies and 50% of Public Health Nurse #2); and a \$105,000 reimbursable grant for renewal of the HIV Care Coordination (funds two (2) positions at the Austin location for HIV support services).

MOTION: Jones moved to approve three (3) grant application requests for the Health Department as described above. Second provided by Mullins. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST FROM RENTAL PROCEEDS FUND

EMS Director Nick Oleck reviewed the swap of two (2) trucks from the Highway department with two (2) trucks from EMS. For the time being, EMS will keep one of the trucks and use the other as a trade in to purchase a 2021 Durango to use as a chase vehicle. Commissioners approved paying the difference of \$15,000 from the Rental Proceeds Fund if approved by Council.

MOTION: Hughbanks moved to approve the additional appropriation of \$15,000 from the Rental Proceeds Fund to cover the difference in purchase price and trade in value for a 2021 Durango for EMS. Second provided by Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REQUESTS FOR EMS DEPUTY DIRECTOR; ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT; AND TRAINING OFFICER

EMS Director Nick Oleck suggested that the Deputy Director position become completely administrative and retain an exempt status. The recent resignation of the EMS Bookkeeper prompted Oleck to look at the positions and propose reassignments of tasks. Oleck requested that Payroll and Claims duties be part of the Deputy Director’s duties and change the hours from working Paramedic shifts to 40 hours in the office. If combined, the EMS Deputy Director position would be paid a salary of \$60,925 per year beginning April 17, 2022. Oleck did not suggest removing the Administrative/Bookkeeper position from the Salary Ordinance, in case the change did not work out for the better or if a part time would be needed in the future. However, the position would not be filled if the changes were approved for the Deputy Director’s position. A Paramedic would need to be hired to cover the shift the Deputy Director would no longer work.

MOTION: Hughbanks moved to amend the 2022 Salary Ordinance to adjust the EMS Deputy Director’s wages to exempt compensation at \$60,925 per year commensurate with the changes in job duties effective April 17, 2022. Second provided by Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

Oleck then asked for consideration of another compensation change for the EMS Training Officer position. Oleck requested the exempt position be compensated at \$51,230 annually. The current annual salary is \$45,219.

MOTION: Watts moved to amend the 2022 Salary Ordinance to adjust the EMS Training Officer’s wages to exempt compensation at \$51,230 per year effective April 17, 2022. Second provided by Hughbanks. Motion carried with five (5) in favor and one (1) opposed (Gillespie).

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS FROM AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND FOR BRIDGE #105; PARKING LOT PAVING; AND LOW BAND SYSTEM AND RADIO REPROGRAMMING

At the Commissioners’ April 20, 2022 meeting, approval was made to use the \$4.63 million of ARPA funds under the IRS Final Rule that allowed for entities to take the entire award (up to \$10 million) under the loss recovery provision.

Commissioners approved the replacement of Bridge #105 (North Main) as an ARPA funded project. An additional appropriation of \$1.5 million was requested which was the entire estimated cost to replace the bridge.

MOTION: Hughbanks moved to approve the \$1.5 million additional appropriation from the American Rescue Plan Act fund for the replacement of Bridge \$105. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried with five (5) in favor and one (1) opposed (Mullins).

Commissioners approved the paving of the East side parking lot on the Square as an ARPA funded project. An additional appropriation of \$20,000 was requested which was the entire estimated cost to pave and stripe the parking lot. This was for fulfillment of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Scottsburg for County employee parking spaces.

MOTION: Highbanks moved to approve the \$20,000 additional appropriation from the American Rescue Plan Act fund for the paving and striping of the parking lot on the East side of the Square for County employee use. Second provided by Watts. Motion carried with four (4) in favor and two (2) opposed (Mullins and Gillespie).

Commissioners approved the expenditure from the ARPA funds for an additional emergency local low band radio system that included the reprogramming of existing radios to work with the older low band system or the new one. The estimated cost of the project was \$530,576.

MOTION: Highbanks moved to approve the \$530,576 additional appropriation from the American Rescue Plan Act fund for an additional local low band emergency communication radio system. Second provided by Jones. Motion failed with one (1) in favor and five (5) opposed (Jones, Gillespie, Watts, Mullins, Hardin).

Members agreed to hold an information gathering session with the cities, fire departments, and others on the proposed new low band radio system.

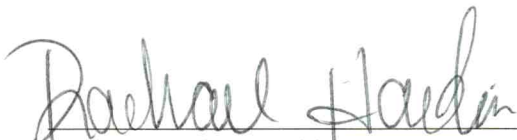
**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETINGS OF FEBRUARY 10, 2022,
FEBRUARY 16, 2022, AND FEBRUARY 17, 2022**

Minutes from three (3) Special Joint meetings held on February 10, 2022, February 16, 2022, and February 17, 2022 were presented for review.

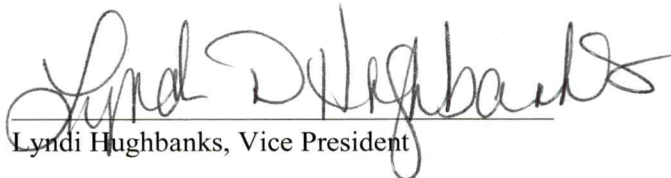
MOTION: Highbanks moved to approve the minutes from the Special Joint meetings held on February 10, 2022, February 16, 2022, and February 17, 2022. Second provided by Mullins. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no other business, Watts moved to adjourn the April 12, 2022 Regular meeting of the Scott County Council. Second provided by Mullins. Motion carried unanimously.

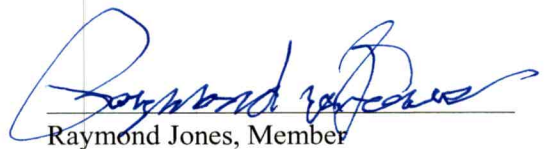

Rachael Hardin, President

Ab Watts, Member


Lyndi Highbanks, Vice President

Donnie Richie, Member

Diane Mullins, Member


Raymond Jones, Member


Eric Gillespie, Member

ATTEST:


Tammy Stout Johnson, Scott County Auditor

SPECIAL WORKSHOP SESSION
SCOTT COUNTY COUNCIL

APRIL 20, 2022

The Scott County Council met in Special Workshop Session on April 20, 2022 at 3:00 pm in the Commissioners Room, Suite 128, Courthouse. Council members present were Rachael Hardin, Lyndi Hughbanks, Raymond Jones, and Ab Watts. Council members Diane Mullins, Eric Gillespie, and Donnie Richie were not present at the meeting. Commissioners in attendance were Mike Jones, John Lizenby, and Randy Julian. Also present was Auditor Tammy Stout Johnson and Chief Deputy Auditor Teresa Vannarsdall.

Council Chairman Hardin opened workshop and introduced Matt Oberlies as the discussion mediator.

COUNTY WIDE COMMUNICATIONS WITH LOW BAND AND 800 MHZ RADIO SYSTEMS

At the April 6, 2022 Council meeting, several members expressed an interest in obtaining more information regarding the proposals of the Commissioners and Sheriff regarding radio improvements of communication systems in the county. Commissioners approved the expenditure from the ARPA fund for an additional local low band system with reprogramming of existing radios. The Sheriff had made his intentions known to replace the 800 MHz radios for his department.

This workshop was held to give representatives from various emergency agencies, the State’s IPSC division; vendors; and local officials an opportunity to explain their roles, exchange information, and answer questions.

SPECIAL EMERGENCY JOINT SESSION
SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS & COUNCIL
APRIL 22, 2022

The Scott County Board of Commissioners met in Special Emergency Session on April 22, 2022 at 10:00 am in the Commissioners Room, Suite 128, Courthouse. The Commissioners present were Mike Jones, John Lizenby, and Randy Julian. Council members present were Eric Gillespie, Lyndi Hughbanks, Rachael Hardin, Raymond Jones, and Ab Watts. Diane Mullins participated via phone. Councilman Donnie Richie did not attend. Also present was Auditor Tammy Stout Johnson.

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

CONTRACT WITH DLZ ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Elliott Allen from DLZ explained to Commissioners and Council members roof system failures on the section of the Courthouse that was constructed in 1873. The effects of the cracked trusses and girder deflections resulted in a 10 inch separation from level along the ridgeline. Temporary shoring would be put in place until a design was made for the completed repair. Once the final repairs were made, the shoring would be removed. However, Allen estimated that it would be a two (2) to three (3) month process for the repair design.

Judge Mount discussed relocation of the Circuit Court for the entire period of temporary shoring and repair. Even though the space could be safely occupied once reinforced, the noise would be a factor while the permanent repairs were being made. Mount was looking at locations in Scottsburg City Hall, Scott County School District #2, and Mid America Science Park.

Allen presented an agreement with DLZ, not to exceed \$10,000, for professional services for investigation of the roof structure, photographic documentation of existing conditions, and recommendations to establish scope and priorities for repairs.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to approve the agreement with DLZ for professional services, as outlined and not exceeding \$10,000, pertaining to the review and repair of the roof failure on the original side of the Courthouse. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Jones moved to approve all expenditures of the Courthouse roof replacement (originally appropriated from Rainy Day Fund) and expenses associated with the repair and Court displacements to be paid from the ARPA Fund. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Julian moved to adjourn the Commissioner portion of the April 22, 2022 Special Joint meeting. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS:

Mike Jones, President

John Lizenby, Vice President

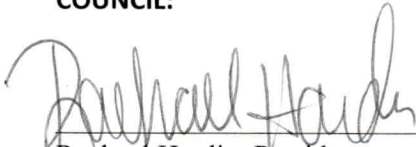
Randy Julian, Member

ATTEST: _____
Tammy Stout Johnson, Auditor

ADJOURNMENT

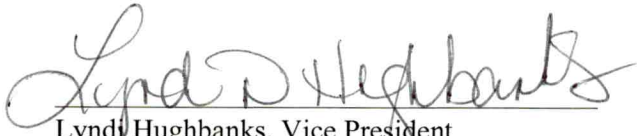
There being no other business, Hughbanks moved to adjourn the Council portion of the April 22, 2022 Special Joint meeting. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL:



Rachael Hardin, President

Ab Watts, Member




Lyndi Hughbanks, Vice President

Donnie Richie, Member

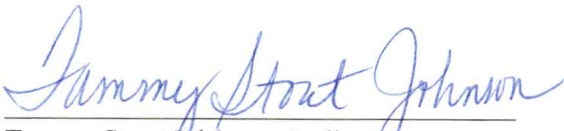
Diane Mullins, Member



Raymond Jones, Member



Eric Gillespie, Member

ATTEST: 

Tammy Stout Johnson, Auditor