

REGULAR SESSION  
SCOTT COUNTY COUNCIL  
JUNE 14, 2022

The Scott County Council met in Regular Session on June 14, 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 was 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.

SUPERIOR COURT TRANSFER REQUEST

Superior Court Judge Howser requested consideration of a transfer in the amount of \$750 from the Travel Expense (#31330) line item to Transcripts (#13401) in the Superior Court’s budget withing General Fund.

**MOTION:** Richie moved to approve the \$750 transfer in the Superior Court portion of General Fund from line items Travel (#31330) to Transcripts (#13401). Second provided by Hughbanks. Motion carried unanimously.

LOCAL ROAD & STREET ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST; CUMULATIVE BRIDGE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATON REQUEST; LINE ITEM CREATION AND TRANSFER REQUESTS

Highway Department Supervisor Kevin Hall requested consideration of an additional appropriation in the amount of \$65,803 from Local Road & Street (#1169) for sign inventory grant match funds of 10%. The grant for sign inventory originally slated for November 2023 was moved to 2022.

**MOTION:** Jones moved to approve the \$65,803 additional appropriation from Local Road & Streets (#1169) to accommodate the new timetable for the Highway’s sign inventory grant. Second provided by Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

Hall requested consideration of an additional appropriation totaling \$452,168 from Cumulative Bridge (#1135) for Bridge #100 (\$282,000) and Bridge #56 (\$195,969).

**MOTION:** Gillespie moved to approve the additional appropriation totaling \$452,168 from Cumulative Bridge (#1135) for Bridges #100 and #56. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Hall requested creation of a Bridge #35 line item in Cumulative Bridge (#1135) with an accompanying transfer request in the amount of \$300,000 from existing line item Bridge #105 (#64102) to the newly created line item Bridge #35 (#64103).

**MOTION:** Mullins moved to create a new line item of Bridge #35 in the Cumulative Bridge Fund (#1135). Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Watts moved to approve the transfer of \$300,000 from line item Bridge #105 (#64102) to the newly created line item Bridge #35 (#64103) in Cumulative Bridge (#1135). Second provided by Mullins. Motion carried unanimously.

SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REQUEST FOR HIV CARE COORDINATOR POSITION; GRANT APPLICATION REQUESTS

Health Department Director Michelle Matern informed Council that it was difficult to hire for the HIV Care Coordinator position due to wage disparity among peer organizations. Matern cited the difference between Scott and Clark counties pay as \$4.00 per hour for the same position. Matern requested a pay rate adjustment of \$2.00 per hour for both HIV Care Coordinator positions, bringing the hourly wages to \$19.41 and \$19.33.

**MOTION:** Mullins moved to increase the hourly pay rate of both HIV Care Coordinator positions by \$2.00 putting the Lead HIV CC at \$19.41 and the second HIV CC at \$19.33 per hour. Second provided by Hardin. Motion carried unanimously.

Jones commented that several adjustments had been made to the 2022 Salary Ordinance, indicating that a closer look at budget time might be beneficial.

Matern requested renewal of the Indiana Department of Health Preparedness grant in the amount of \$25,000. The grant is reimbursable.

**MOTION:** Richie moved to approve the grant application request in the amount of \$25,000 to renew the Preparedness grant through IDOH. Second provided by Mullins. Motion carried unanimously.

Matern requested approval for a grant application in the amount of \$8,410 to pay for contractual services provided by Crow's Nest. The Indiana Department of Health is reimbursable.

**MOTION:** Jones moved to approve the IDOS grant application request in the amount of \$8,410 to pay for contractual services performed by Crow's Nest. Second provided by Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST FOR LOW BAND RADIO SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

ECS Representative Michael Dyer presented information on the proposed low band radio system upgrades. The Commissioners approved expenditure for the upgrade of the low band system from the American Rescue Plan Act funds. During the presentation, many questions arose with subsequent discussions. Jones mentioned other areas where cost would be incurred such as buildings that would require climate control, utilities, maintenance, and be subject to vandalism, etc. Jones questioned the cost attributed to the 800 MHz comparison, clarifying that radio models varied in price. Mullins commented that users of the current low band system said it was not perfect from the beginning. Jones added that he feared a request for new low band radios in the next 3-5 years since this proposal only reprogrammed the old radios. Hughbanks stated the 800 MHz radios are not the matter before the Council, just the low band system improvements. Richie questioned why we would assist the Volunteer Fire Departments and not assist the County Sheriff's Department with better radios too. Hughbanks replied that the Sheriff would have access to the low band system and was not excluded. Gillespie reminded members of the \$30,000 price increase from the last time the low band system upgrade was considered by the Board. He went on to say that if approved at the higher price, it would be a striking example of inefficient government.

**MOTION:** Hughbanks moved to approve a \$560,000 additional appropriation from the ARPA funds for the countywide low band radio system upgrade approve by Commissioners. Second provided by Jones. Motion failed with two (2) in favor (Hughbanks/Hardin) and five (5) opposed (Watts/Richie/Mullins/Gillespie/Jones).


#### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 8, 2022 REGULAR MEETING; MARCH 15, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING; APRIL 12, 2022 REGULAR MEETING; APRIL 20, 2022 WORKSHOP; APRIL 22, 2022 SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING; AND MAY 10, 2022 REGULAR MEETING**

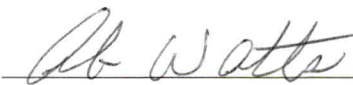
Minutes from the March 8, 2022 Regular meeting; March 15, 2022 Special meeting; April 12, 2022 Regular meeting; April 20, 2022 Workshop; April 22, 2022 Special Emergency meeting; and the May 10, 2022 Regular meeting were presented for review and approval consideration.

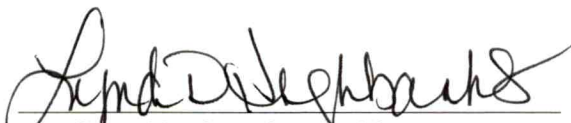
**MOTION:** Jones moved to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2022 Regular meeting; March 15, 2022 Special meeting; April 12, 2022 Regular meeting; April 20, 2022 Workshop; April 22, 2022 Special Emergency meeting; and the May 10, 2022 Regular meeting. Second provided by Gillespie. Motion carried unanimously.

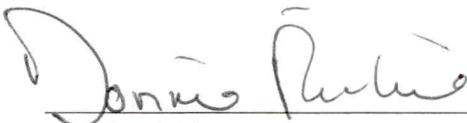
ADJOURNMENT

With there being no other business, Gillespie moved to adjourn the June 14, 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