REGULAR SESSION

SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DECEMBER 7, 2022

The Scott County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on December 7, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the Commissioners Room, Suite 128, Courthouse. Those present were Commissioners Mike Jones, John Lizenby, and Randy Julian. Also present were Attorney Zach Stewart and Auditor Tammy Stout Johnson.

President Jones called the meeting to order, led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and opened the meeting for public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING ON CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OCRA GRANT APPLICATION

The first of two public hearings were held regarding the intentions of the Children's Advocacy Center to apply for a grant from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. The grant applicant/sponsor was Jefferson County, but hearings were required in counties that are served by the CAC. Originally the grant applicant agency was to be the City of Madison. Funds are being sought to renovate the current location for the CAC in the amount of \$500,000.

After Jones closed the hearing, Commissioners were requested to sign a cooperation agreement reflecting the change from the City of Madison to Jefferson County.

<u>MOTION</u>: Lizenby moved to approve and sign the new co-op agreement for switch in agent of application from the City of Madison to Jefferson County. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

ONE SOUTHERN INDIANA UPDATE

One Southern Indiana Vice President of Economic Development John Launius provided an update on projects and action inventory for the county.

CLERK: VOTE CENTERS ORDINANCE#2022-013; VOTING EQUIPMENTAND DISPOSAL

Clerk Michelle Shelton discussed the mandated change for the external components of the voting machines. Shelton thinks the storage matter for the new machines had been worked out but questioned what to do with the old machines. By consensus, members agreed to accept the new machines and dispose of the old components via recycling.

Shelton then expressed the opinion of the Election Board which favored a switch over to a Vote Center model county. One (1) voting center would be required for every 10,000 voters. Shelton estimated two (2) to three (3) for Scott County. Voters could cast ballots at any Vote Center location, regardless of precinct. The change would accommodate voters and should be less expensive and easier to staff than multiple poll locations throughout the county. Commissioners reviewed Resolution #2022-013 which would allow for plan to be drafted to convert Scott County to a Vote Center County.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to approve Resolution#2022-013 to begin the process for a Vote Center election plan for Scott County. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: GRANT APPLICATION REQUESTS

Health Department Administrator Michelle Matern requested approval to apply for state grants for Local Health Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$33,139 and Local Health Trust in the amount of \$17,474.54. Both awards are advance grants that require a budget for expenditures. No matching funds are required from the County.

<u>MOTION</u>: Lizenby moved to approve both grant application requests for the advance State Local Health Maintenance for \$33,139 and Local Health Trust for \$17,474.54. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY: EQUIPMENT NEEDS

Highway Supervisor Kevin Hall informed the BOC of the potential 20% price increase in 2023 for the models of mowers being quoted for purchase. Hall recommended keeping the John Deere mower due to the recent investment in repairs. Hall said he preferred the Savage Combo mower with a price of \$188,900.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to allow use of ARPA funds to purchase a 2022 Savage Combo Mower in the amount of \$188,900. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

EMS: FUEL CONTRACT; HOLIDAY DISCUSSION; NEW AMBULANCE PURCHASE IN 2023; GRANT APPLICATION FOR NON-EMERGENT TRANSFER VAN; MEDICAL DIRECTOR MOU FOR 2023

EMS Director Nick Oleck discussed the prospect of entering into a fuel contract. With the current trend of decreasing pump prices, members agreed by consensus to table the fuel contract until the December 21, 2022 meeting.

A Memorandum of Understanding was considered to renew the EMS Medical Director agreement with Dr. Robert Hicks for 2023. The payments stayed the same as in 2022 at \$1,250 per month.

<u>MOTION</u>: Lizenby moved to approve renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding to retain Dr. Hicks as the EMS Medical Director in 2023 for \$15,000 annually paid at \$1,250 per month. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

Oleck informed the members about a grant for a non-emergent transfer vehicle (Sprinter) that would be used only for transports. Oleck wanted to have permission to apply for the grant because notifications are released with a quick turn around deadline.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to approve application for EMS to seek a Sprinter vehicle for non-emergent transports. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

Oleck started the conversation about purchasing a new ambulance for the rotation. If an order was placed now, delivery is estimated at 18-24 months out. Commissioners agreed to continue discussion on this matter.

Oleck talked of policy changes regarding Paid Time Off, Holidays, and incentives for EMS staff. One change proposed was to offer employees an option to take a day on their "long" week without disciplinary action or forced use of PTO.

CONSIDERATION OF REGULAR MONTHLY CLAIMS FOR NOVEMBER 2022; CLAIMS FOR 2022 EMPLOYEE BONUS FROM ARPA FUND; CLAIMS PAYABLE TO VET (\$9,573.49) & ECOTECH (\$36,457.70)

The regular monthly claims docket for November 2022 was presented for consideration and approval for payment.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to approve payment of the November 2022 Regular monthly claims. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims were presented for payment to employees totaling \$191,950 for those eligible for the ARPA bonus.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to approve payments of the ARPA bonuses to eligible employees totaling \$191,950. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims totaling \$9,573.49 payable to VET Communication were presented for payment consideration. The expenditure was for the purchase of 800 MHz radios for EMS.

A claim payable to Ecotech for disposal fees from June, July, and August 2022 totaling \$36,457.70 was presented for payment consideration. Attorney Stewart advised that use of Rainy Day funds was questionable for that type of expenditure. Jones said it was not the Commissioners responsibility to find the funding so Council should determine that.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to approve payment to Ecotech in the amount of \$36,457.70 and send on to Council to determine the source. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF NOVEMBER 18, 2022 AND DECEMBER 2, 2022 PAYROLL DOCKET RATIFICATIONS; CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 2, 2022 REGULAR MEETING

The Payroll dockets for November 18, 2022 and December 2, 2022 were presented for consideration and ratification.

<u>MOTION</u>: Lizenby moved to ratify the November 18, 2022 and December 2, 2022 Payroll Dockets as presented. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes from the November 2, 2022 Regular meeting were presented for review and consideration.

<u>MOTION</u>: Lizenby moved to approve the November 2, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as written. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

2023 AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF AUSTIN AND CITY OF SCOTTSBURG FOR INMATE WORK CREW SERVICES

The amended agreement with the City of Austin and City of Scottsburg for the Inmate Work Crew was presented for consideration. In 2021, both cities reimbursed the County \$10,000 each for supervision of inmates performing clean up work. In 2022, both cities requested more work hours, so the agreement was amended to reflect a payment of \$15,000 each to the County.

<u>MOTION</u>: Lizenby moved to approve the amended interlocal agreement to reflect the update amount of \$15,000 from each city. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried with two (2) in favor and one (1) opposed (Julian).

REMINDER: MEETING ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022 FROM 6PM-8PM AT SCSD#2 BOARD ROOM ON TRANSFER STATION

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Lizenby moved to adjourn the December 7, 2022 Regular meeting of the Scott County Board of Commissioners. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Mike Jones, President

John Lizenby, Vice President

Randy Julian, Member

Tammy Stout/Johnson, Auditor