

SPECIAL SESSION  
SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DECEMBER 8, 2022

The Scott County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on December 8, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Scott County School District #2 Boardroom, 375 East McClain Avenue, Scottsburg. 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 and welcomed those in attendance.

TRANSFER STATION PUBLIC FORUM


Attorney Stewart advised everyone about courtesy and proper conduct during the public comments. Stewart also asked for those making comments to clearly state their name. Each Commissioner stated their views on the Transfer Station operation before taking comments from the public. Lizenby said he was not in favor of closing the Transfer Station, but its operation created a budget shortfall in several recent years. He questioned the funding mechanism that could deplete current funds along with adjusting (raising) the fees for disposal. Julian was not in favor of getting rid of the service. Julian said he was working on a third party to take over the trash operation at the Transfer Station and the remote sites. Jones assured everyone that services would not be disrupted on January 1, 2023. Council did not appropriate funds toward the operation in 2023 during the budget. However, Jones said a way must be determined to make the entire trash program more solvent.

Comments and questions were taken from several in attendance. Some of those were Alan Meyers, Jeff Riley, Tyler Volson; Marvin Glass, Coby Whitmore, Lynn Robinson, Tim Meeks, Atlanta Meeks, and Nancy Murphy. Council members Rachael Hardin and Donnie Richie spoke as well.

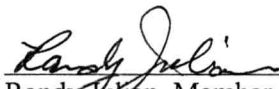
Commissioners thanked all of those attending. Once a plan is developed and approved by the Board of Commissioners, another public meeting will be scheduled to provide information and take comments.

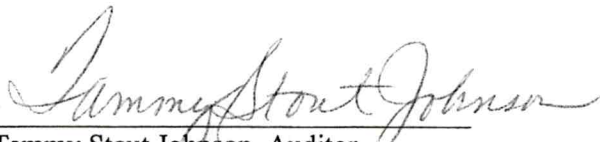
ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Lizenby moved to adjourn the December 8, 2022 Special meeting of the Scott County Board of Commissioners. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

  
Mike Jones, President

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John Lizenby, Vice President

  
Randy Julian, Member

ATTEST:   
Tammy Stout Johnson, Auditor

**EXECUTIVE SESSION****SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****DECEMBER 15, 2022**

The Scott County Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session on November 10, 2022 at 3:00 pm in the Commissioners Room, Suite 128, Courthouse. Those present were Commissioners John Lizenby and Randy Julian. Mike Jones participated via phone. Also present were Attorney Zach Stewart and Auditor Tammy Stout Johnson.

The meeting was called for the purpose allowed by I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1(a) (1) (b) (7).

**REGULAR SESSION****SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****DECEMBER 21, 2022**

The Scott County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on December 21, 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. Jones let anyone know that was attending due to an announcement by WMPI that the Transfer Station was on the agenda for the meeting that the information was incorrect. A citizen made a statement regarding the management of the Transfer Station. Attorney Stewart addressed the man and informed him about how to make a public records request. Visitors Commission Director Mike Chesser thanked Commissioner Lizenby for his service to the community and wished him well. Chesser said he was looking forward to working with the Boards and the new members in 2023.

**2023 INSURANCE RENEWALS-BUCHANAN INSURANCE**

Richie Buchanan of Buchanan Insurance Group informed the Board that overall policies renewed with only a small 4% inflationary change for 2023. Buchanan introduced his new business associate Tanner Craig.

Jones requested a report on prior vehicle accident claims. Julian asked how many years the Buchanan agency had been the County agent. Buchanan replied since 2018.

**MOTION:** Lizenby moved to approve renewal with Buchanan Agency for insurance coverage beginning 01/01/2023. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried with two (2) in favor and one (1) opposed (Julian).

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT: REQUEST FOR OPIOID SETTLEMENT DISBURSEMENT**

Health Department Director Michelle Matern requested consideration for use of the Opioid Settlement funds to support her compensation in 2023 in the amount of \$60,325. Matern referred to Section J Leadership, Planning and Coordination of the List of Opioid remediation Uses, Schedule B, Part 3. Attorney Stewart discussed the language of the document perhaps leaning toward support of programs, not regularly budgeted expenses. Jones commented that he would be in favor of

taking care of the Health Department with the Opioid funds due to the impact that crisis had on the department. Julian added that several county department were impacted such as the Coroner, EMS, etc. He would also lean toward support of county departments before giving it to outside agencies.

**EMS: KELLY DAYS; DEMO TRUCK; USE OF OPIOD SETTLEMENT FUNDS FOR  
NEW AMBULANCE PURCHASE**

EMS Director Nick Oleck reported that the ambulance with the faulty drive shaft was back in rotation. Regarding the fuel contract, Oleck would like to explore options and even consider owning the fuel tanks.

Oleck requested the purchase of a new ambulance be considered from the Opioid Settlement disbursement. An extra truck would allow him to send an ambulance off for remount.

Oleck suggested that technicians working the “long” week (72 hrs.) be allowed to opt out of a day if approved and a replacement was scheduled. This would be without penalty and not require use of a PTO day as the current handbook states. Attorney Stewart was asked to contact WIS to draft a change in the EMS Appendix of the Employee Handbook. Any Handbook changes would require both Commissioners and Council approval.

**OCRA COVID PHASE 3 SMALL BUSINESS GRANT-RIVER HILLS**

Melissa Woods from River Hills EDC updated members on the progress of the Small Business grant reporting efforts. The Auditor’s Office was assisting with obtaining information that must be submitted by December 31, 2022.

**LAKE AND RIVER ENHANCEMENTS GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST**

Woods discussed the prospect of applying for a third Lake and River Enhancements grant in the amount of \$30,000. The local match funds would be \$7,500. Council had approved the application earlier in the day.

**MOTION:** Lizenby moved to approve the third LARE grant application in the amount of \$30,000. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

Woods then explained the \$1,500 fee for River Hills to complete the application process for the third LARE grant.

**MOTION:** Lizenby moved to approve the contract with River Hills for the application process on the third LARE grant. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

**GROUP HEALTH, DENTAL AND VISION PLANS FOR 2023**

Attorney Stewart reviewed the process that resulted in two (2) choices for employee group health, dental, and vision plan coverage. Our broker, Freeman, Will, and Niemeier, solicited quotes from several carriers. Humana and Anthem declined to quote. There were quotes received from the current provider United Healthcare and CIGNA. A rate increase of approximately 34% was expected if renewal was with UHC. CIGNA provided an approximate 9% increase for almost identical coverage. If all plans were moved to CIGNA, the rate increase dropped to 8.5%.

**MOTION:** Julian moved to approve switching employee group health, dental and vision insurance to CIGNA in 2023. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.



**CONSIDERATION OF REGULAR MONTHLY CLAIMS FOR DECEMBER 2022; FALL SETTLEMENT CLAIMS CONSIDERATION; CIRCUIT COURT CELL PHONE STIPEND (\$50)**

The claims docket for the Fall Tax Year 2022 settlement of property and excise taxes was presented for payment consideration and approval.

**MOTION**: Lizenby moved to approve the 2022 Fall Tax Settlement payments disbursed by checks and ACHs. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

The December 2022 regular and year end claims were reviewed for payment consideration and approval. The docket total was \$255,148.50.

**MOTION**: Lizenby moved to approve the December 2022 regular and year end batch of claims that totaling \$255,148.50. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

Judge Mount requested that his claim for a \$50 cell phone stipend payable in January 2023 be considered for payment approval. Council did not appropriate any cell phone stipends in 2023.

**MOTION**: Lizenby moved to approve payment of the Judge of Circuit Court's cell phone stipend in the amount of \$50 in 2023. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried with two (2) in favor and one (1) opposed (Jones).

**CONSIDERATION OF DECEMBER 16, 2022 PAYROLL DOCKET RATIFICATION; CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2022**

The Payroll docket for December 16, 2022 was presented for consideration and ratification.

**MOTION**: Lizenby moved to ratify the December 16, 2022 Payroll Docket as presented. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes from the November 16, 2022 Regular meeting were presented for review and consideration.

**MOTION**: Lizenby moved to approve the November 16, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as written. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

**FMLA REQUEST**

A single request for Family Medical Leave was reviewed by Commissioners.

**MOTION**: Lizenby moved to approve the FMLA request. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

**ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

Attorney Stewart requested a Special Joint meeting of Commissioners and Council be scheduled during the first week of January 2023. The purpose would be to meet with the County's Financial Advisor Jason Semler representing the firm of Baker Tilly. Tentatively, the meeting was scheduled for January 5, 2023 at 5 pm. Stewart thanked the Board for working with him the past year. Jones thanked Stewart for his advice.

ADJOURNMENT

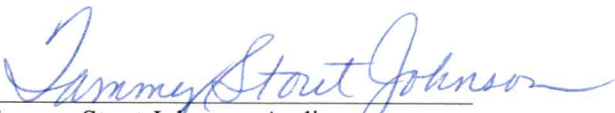
This being the final meeting of the Board with Commissioner Lizenby and Auditor Johnson, expressions of appreciation were made to those exiting County service. A plaque was presented to Lizenby by Jones.

There being no other business, Lizenby moved to adjourn the December 21, 2022 Regular meeting of the Scott County Board of Commissioners. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

  
Mike Jones, President

John Lizenby, Vice President

  
Randy Julian, Member

ATTEST:   
Tammy Stout Johnson, Auditor