

REGULAR SESSION
SCOTT COUNTY COUNCIL
MARCH 10, 2020

The Scott County Council did not meet in February. The Scott County Council met in Regular Session on March 10, 2020 at 9:30 am in the Commissioners Room, Suite 128, Courthouse. Those present were Council members Mike Zollman, Donnie Richie, Ab Watts, Rachael Hardin, Robert Peacock, and Raymond Jones. Also present were Chief Deputy Auditor Teresa Vannarsdall, Attorney Mike Carter, and Auditor Tammy Stout Johnson. Council member Iva Gasaway was absent from the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Zollman who opened the floor to public comments. Scott County Museum representative Marty Randall thanked the Council for their past support and generosity. Randall reported that the Museum is paid ahead for their USDA loan obligation.

PROSECUTOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Prosecutor Chris Owens requested \$15,000 from Pre-Trial Diversion (#4015) be used to fund a temporary full time Deputy Prosecutor position (with benefits). Owens was approved for the additional position at the Boards January meeting.

MOTION: Jones motioned to approve the \$15,000 additional appropriation in the Pre-Trial Diversion Fund to cover the wages and benefits of the temporary Deputy Prosecutor position. Seconded by Peacock. Motion carried unanimously.

DISABLED VETERANS AFFAIRS TRANSPORT VEHICLE PROGRAM

Representative from the DAV, Trent Stivers and Kevin Coley, discussed provisions for veterans to have transportation to health and benefits related appointments. The service would be free to veterans and the County after initial startup costs. The DAV would supply the vehicles and drivers, once the County committed to funding up to half of the vehicle purchase. The insurance, maintenance, tires, gas, etc. would be covered by the program. Vehicles would be chosen based on the need of the county. The County can choose to fund their portion, use fundraisers, or a combination of the two methods. There is a November deadline for vehicle requests with grant approvals the following January.

President Zollman inquired about the next step in the process. The response was to begin fundraising efforts and provide a commitment from the County for up to half of the vehicle cost estimated at \$14,000.

Members thanked the DAV representatives for their presentation.

SHERIFF COMMISSARY REPORT

President Zollman began this portion of the meeting referencing the Special Audit that was conducted by State Board of Accounts for the period of April 13, 2018 to December 31, 2018, during the term of the former Sheriff. Zollman spoke of the \$27,962.61 in expenditures that did not have enough evidence to confirm their use was according to Indiana Code or was otherwise approved by the Council prior to being expended. Zollman requested that Sheriff Goodin approach Council if any expenses are ever questionable.

Sheriff Jerry Goodin gave the 2019 Commissary Report. Goodin reported that expenditures in 2019 were \$222,155.03 the Commissary Fund's ending balance on December 31, 2019 was \$80,032.

Goodin informed the Board that Lori Boswell resigned and that Amy Beverly would be replacing her. Sheriff Goodin thanked Jail Commander Doug Herald for his efforts in the Jail's Inspection being in full compliance. Goodin stated that this was the first time our Jail had passed inspection in at least the last twenty (20) years. Sheriff Goodin also recognized the Council and

Commissioners for their support of the Jail upgrades. Goodin also thanked his Chief Deputy Toby Deaton. Zollman added that it is not just a facility to house inmates, but also an opportunity to educate the inmates. Goodin deferred from himself to his staff, stating they were the best in Indiana.

Goodin went on to report that his department had historical arrest numbers, secured JCAP funds for special programs, sent inmates to welding classes, and awarded GEDs to several inmates. Goodin said education is key to solving the problem.

Sheriff Goodin informed the members that his Reserve Officers were very active. Also, several vehicles have been purchased to upgrade the fleet. The back bays in the building where the Health Department is located is being used for vehicle maintenance of his fleet.

Lastly, Sheriff Goodin talked about his awareness of the potential threat of the Coronavirus. Inmate temperatures are being monitored and put into isolation if elevated. Purdue Extension Educator Tom Springstun thanked Goodin for the extra security provided to the Courthouse.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS FOR THE HIV OUTBREAK FUND AND DONATIONS FUND

The Greater Health Foundation of Indianapolis annually gives monetary support for the Syringe Exchange Program. The amount awarded to the Health Department for 2020 was \$15,000. Needles and other related supplies such as bandages, antibiotic cream, and alcohol pads, etc. are purchased with the grant proceeds. An additional appropriation to the HIV Outbreak fund was requested in the amount of \$15,000. An additional appropriation was also requested in the amount of \$100 to Fund #9160 for use of a donation to the Health Department. Commissioners had previously established a fund for use of donations to the Health Department (Ordinance #2020-002).

MOTION: Hardin motioned to approve the \$15,000 additional appropriation to the HIV Outbreak fund for grant proceed from the Greater Health Foundation of Indianapolis as well as the \$100 additional appropriation to Fund #9160 for use in operations, supplies, and equipment. Second provided by Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

SURVEYOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Surveyor Mark Gardner request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$25,800 for the Surveyors Perpetuation Fund to pay for the completion of section corners perpetuated in 2019.

MOTION: Peacock motioned to approve the additional appropriation request of \$25,800 from the Surveyors Perpetuation fund for perpetuated Section Corners in 2019. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

PURDUE EXTENSION 2020 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT OR TRANSFER REQUEST

Interim Extension Agent Tom Springstun discussed the 2020 contract with Purdue Services and the amount appropriated in the 2020 budget. A difference of \$1,895 existed between the amount budgeted of \$77,430 and the actual contract amount of \$75,535.

By consensus, the members requested Springstun review the Extension Office budget and see if there would be any lines to transfer from to make up the difference. Springstun was asked to return to the Board if the transfer was between categories or he was unable to make up the difference in the current budget.

ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING FUND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Under Indiana Code, expenses related to the training of certain elected officials are to be paid from the Elected Official Training Fund. In the 2020 budget preparations, that fund did not get an appropriation. The additional appropriation was advertised for \$7,500.

MOTION: Peacock motioned to approve the additional appropriation request of \$7,500 in the Elected Official Training Fund. Second provided by Watts. Motion carried unanimously.

CLERK & SURVEYOR PERPETUATION FUNDS ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

Annual maintenance fees of \$5,500 were billed for the new large book scanner. The appropriation was advertised in both the Surveyor's and Clerk's Perpetuation funds.

MOTION: Jones motioned to approve the additional appropriation for the book scanner annual maintenance with the cost being split between the Surveyor and Clerk Perpetuation funds at \$2,750 each. Second provided by Hardin. Motion carried unanimously.

BUILDING INSPECTOR NEW LINE ITEM CREATION REQUEST AND TRANSFERS

Ben Petty was recently hired for the position of Building Inspector. He would like to have funds for training. Petty would also like to purchase apparel, such as shirts and hats to identify himself along with magnetic signs for his vehicle.

Petty requested that Training and Apparel line items be created in his budget. The following transfers were requested:

- Transfer \$400 from the Longevity line (#12000) to Training (#31306)
- Transfer \$350 from Longevity to Office Supplies (#21000)
- Transfer \$50 from Longevity to Apparel (#27500)
- Transfer \$100 from Postage (#31200) to Office Supplies (#21000)

MOTION: Zollman motioned to approve the creation of the Training and Apparel lines in the Building Commission budget. Second provided by Richie. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Jones motioned to approve the transfers as request and describe above for the Building Commission budget. Second provided by Hardin. Motion carried unanimously.

LONGEVITY POLICY CHANGES

Richie requested that members consider a change to the Longevity section of the Employee Handbook. Richie thought it should be written like it was several years ago so those employees with one (1) year service by November 15 would be eligible for a Longevity disbursement. If approved by the Council, Richie said he would present it to the Board of Commissioners for amendment of the Employee Handbook. Richie suggested the change be made for 2020.

MOTION: Richie motioned to change the Longevity disbursement policy in the Employee Handbook, effective for 2020, back to the previous policy where the first disbursement of \$200 begins after one (1) year service by November 15. Second provided by Watts. Motion carried with five (5) in favor and one (1) opposed (Jones).

ASSOCIATION OF INDIANA COUNTIES AGREEMENT FOR BUDGET CONSULTING SERVICES

Auditor Johnson informed the members of an opportunity to have a consultant for the 2021 Budget process. Jacque Clements with the Association of Indiana Counties works with multiple counties and extended her offer of services to Scott County. For \$5,000, Clements would assist the Council and Auditor in budget related tasks from the beginning of revenue estimates through the issuance of the 1782 notice. If approved, then agreement would go to the Board of Commissioners to approve and sign the agreement.

Zollman expressed his interest in having the use of funds reviewed for the next budget cycle. Peacock said he thought it was a good idea. Jones agreed that it would be beneficial for an outside opinion.

MOTION: Peacock motioned to approve the agreement with AIC for 2021 Budget consultation services and pay the \$5,000 from the Council's budget. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 3 & DECEMBER 10, 2019
AND JANUARY 14, 2020 MEETINGS**

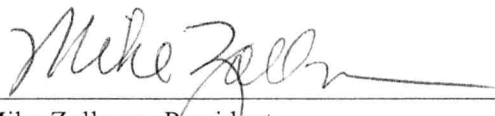
Minutes from the December 3, 2019, December 10, 2019, and January 14, 2020 meetings were presented for consideration and approval.

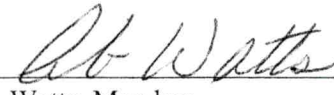
MOTION: Jones motioned to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2019, December 10, 2019, and January 14, 2020 meetings as written. Second provided by Peacock. Motion carried unanimously.

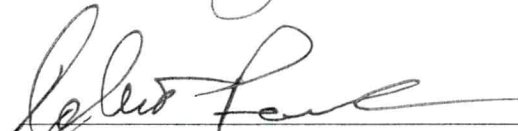
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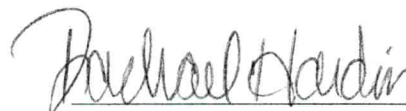
Due to a training meeting that conflicted with the April 14, 2020 Council meeting, Auditor Johnson requested that Council consider moving their meeting date. By consensus, the April meeting was changed to April 13, 2020 at 9:30 am.

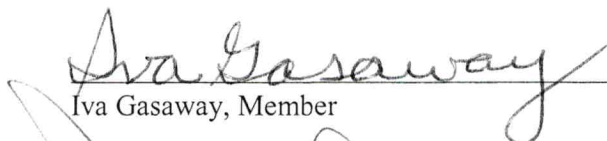
With no other business, Watts motioned to adjourn the March 10, 2020 Regular meeting of the Council. Second provided by Hardin. Motion carried unanimously.


Mike Zollman, President


Ab Watts, Member

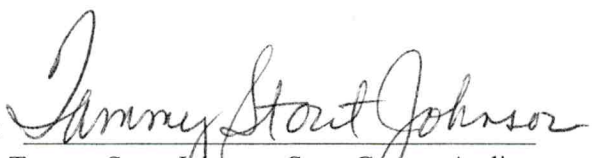

Robert Peacock, Vice President


Rachael Hardin, Member


Iva Gasaway, Member

Raymond Jones, Member


Donnie Richie, Member

ATTEST: 
Tammy Stout Johnson, Scott County Auditor