

REGULAR SESSION

SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OCTOBER 7, 2020

The Scott County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on October 7, 2020 at 5:00 pm in the Commissioners Room, Suite 128, Courthouse. Those present were Commissioners Robert Tobias, John Lizenby, and Mike Jones. Also present was Auditor Tammy Stout Johnson.

President Tobias called the meeting to order, led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then opened the meeting for public comments. Purdue Extension Agent Tom Springstun introduced Marilyn Sink, the new Health and Human Services Educator for Scott County. Springstun asked members about interest in planting a tree in the Courtyard to commemorate the Bicentennial of Scott County. Citizen Jim Craig reported that tree limbs were falling onto Leota Road from overgrowth across the road from his property. Craig asked if the County could remove the overgrowth. Commissioners said options, as allowable by statute, would be explored to resolve the matter. Craig thanked the Board for listening to his concern. Steve Meyer, appointment to the Our Southern Indiana Regional Development Authority, advised members of their top honors award for the plan to better the five (5) county region of Clark, Floyd, Jefferson, Scott, and Washington counties. Members congratulated Meyers and the RDA and thanked him for his contributions.

COVID-19 CARES ACT REQUEST FROM ASSESSOR; PICTOMETRY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT

Assessor Diana Cozart requested approval of a contract with Eagleview for aerial Pictometry to update the GIS mapping. Cozart would like to have the fly over this fall (2020) due to the diminished tree canopy that often blocks the view with the state fly overs. The cost of the project would be \$81,990 and paid from the Reassessment Fund.

Along with the contract, Cozart requested that Commissioners allow the expenditure to be turned in against the CARES Act Grant funds allotted to Scott County. Cozart hoped it would qualify because the GIS is used by law enforcement, emergency response, E911 dispatch, etc.

MOTION: Jones motioned to approve the contract in the amount of \$81,990 with Eagleview for the GIS mapping aerial Pictometry and allow a public assistance request be filed for reimbursement through the CARES Act Grant. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

OFFER ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN NORTHERN TIF DISTRICT

Commissioner Jones informed the Board that he was approached with an offer from Carver for the purchase of the land in the Northern TIF area. Tobias commented on the nature of the auction business, the limited employment opportunities, and minimal economic impact for the County. Tobias stated the opportunity would be lost for any larger employer. Tobias added the TIF Fund is healthy. Jones replied that he understood that we have limited land, but we also have a workforce shortage as well. Tobias commented that this business would not be to the betterment of Scott County. Jones said he would like to see something (land) that has laid empty be developed. Lizenby added he gets questioned about contamination from oil leaks. Paul Nay, Realtor, responded by saying there have not been issues with the EPA and this client. The majority of the leakage occurs during towing and initial storage at a body shop.

The Northern TIF Allocation Plan does not currently allow for disposing of land for an auction site, so the plan would have to be amended before any sale transactions. Tobias said he wanted the best for the County and the most revenue. All members concurred that the initial offer was not satisfactory.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TRACTOR PURCHASE RATIFICATION AND CLAIM APPROVAL; CARES ACT PUBLIC ASSISTANCE REQUEST; ROUND ABOUT SPEED LIMIT; COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT AUTHORIZATION LETTERS

Highway Supervisor Baker requested ratification for the purchase of a 2011 Challenger CAT Tractor with mower in the amount of \$71,975 along with approval for payment to Hay Day.

MOTION: Lizenby motioned to ratify the purchase and approve the claim for payment to Hay Day in the amount of \$71,975.00 for a 2011 Challenger Cat Tractor with mower. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

With the purchase of the used 2011 Challenger, Baker requested modification to the Public Assistance request for CARES Act reimbursement for the mower and other equipment be changed to \$150,203.75.

MOTION: Lizenby motioned for Highway Department PA request for CARES Act reimbursement be modified to \$150,203.75. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Baker presented letters of funding commitment for the six (6) roads proposed for paving in the Community Crossings Grant application 2020-2.

MOTION: Jones motioned to approve the six (6) letters of funding commitment for the 2020-2 Community Crossings Grant application. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

Baker discussed the State’s roundabout project at the intersection of Boatman Road and State Road 56. The State was requesting commitment from the County for speed limits imposed at 35 mph for the North and South approaches. The Commissioners stated the South side may be in the City of Scottsburg’s jurisdiction. All agreed to have Baker respond with the intentions to agree with the speed limit, by proper ordinance, once the project was completed.

Baker said a newer template for appeals to the legislation on the 50/50 rule for certain Highway funds was being circulated for signatures.

E911/EMA DIRECTOR POSITION

Commissioner Lizenby nominated Jeff Fortner for the E911/EMA Director. Jones stated he had no problem with Fortner’s nomination, but wanted to see change and resolution to issues. Jones stated he would praise and criticize. Jones added he wanted accountability and a top notch service. Lizenby agreed adding excuses are not good enough. Tobias concurred with the other members.

MOTION: Lizenby made a motion to nominate Jeff Fortner as the new E911/EMA Director effective October 13, 2020. Second provided by Tobias. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY LETTER

Auditor Johnson brought a memo, written by WIS Consultants, for a reminder to Departments on the Social Media policy as stated in the Employee Handbook. Commissioners agreed by consensus to send the reminder.

CARES ACT PUBLIC ASSISTANCE REQUEST FOR PAYROLL REIMBURSEMENT

Auditor Johnson presented four (4) Public Assistance requests for payroll reimbursement as allowed through the CARES Act grant funding. The reimbursements would only be allowable for specific public safety and public health employees. The PA requests totaled \$541,372.49.

MOTION: Lizenby motioned to approve the \$541,372.49 Public Assistance requests for public safety and health payroll for reimbursement through the CARES Act grant funding. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

MORGUE LOCATION IN 2021 AT SCOTT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Commissioner Jones informed members that Attorney Houston looked over the agreement with Scott Memorial for a defined space inside the hospital to serve as the County's morgue beginning in 2021. The use of the room will be rent free, but equipment must be purchased by the County. Access to the morgue room will be needed for EMS also.

MOTION: Jones motioned to approve the rent free agreement with Scott Memorial Hospital for the defined space to be used as a County morgue beginning in 2021. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF SEPTEMBER 2020 MONTHLY CLAIMS; BAKERTILLY (\$7,795); ONE SOUTHERN (\$20,000); SOUTH CENTRAL IN EDC (\$3,470)

The regular Monthly claims for September 2020 were presented for consideration and payment approval.

MOTION: Jones motioned to approve payment of the regular September 2020 monthly claims. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims were presented as follows for special consideration and payment approval: a claim in the amount of \$7,795 payable to Bakertilly; a claim in the amount of \$20,000 payable to One Southern Indiana; and a claim in the amount of \$3,470 payable to South Central IN Economic Development Group.

MOTION: Lizenby motioned to approve payment the three (3) claims as described above for Bakertilly (\$7,795), One Southern (\$20,000), and South Central IN EDC (\$3,470). Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

EMS UPDATE; SUBURBAN TOWING CREDIT APPLICATION; PREMIER CREDIT APPLICATION

Director Shannon Mount provided a written update of his first 48 days with EMS. Mount let members know that it looked as if enough money existed in the current budget to purchase a new ambulance.

Mount informed the Board that he wanted to utilize fuel tanks on site at EMS. The tanks would be provided by Premier AG. Mount said it would be a savings to operations and fuel can be purchased at locked prices. The fuel tanks would be secured with key fob access and camera surveillance.

MOTION: Jones motioned to allow the credit application with Premier AG for their fuel services. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

Mount also requested permission to file a business application with Suburban Towing for rollback services.

MOTION: Lizenby motioned to approve a business account with Suburban Towing. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL RATIFICATION FOR SEPTEMBER 25, 2020; CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 REGULAR MEETING

The Payroll Docket for September 25, 2020 was presented for ratification.

MOTION: Jones motioned to approve and ratify the Payroll Docket for September 25, 2020. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes from the September 2, 2020 Regular meeting were also presented for consideration and approval.

MOTION: Jones motioned to approve the September 2, 2020 Regular meeting minutes as written. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.


2021 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE ADOPTION

The 2021 Holiday Schedule was presented to the BOC for consideration.

MOTION: Jones motioned to approve and sign the 2021 Holiday Schedule. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

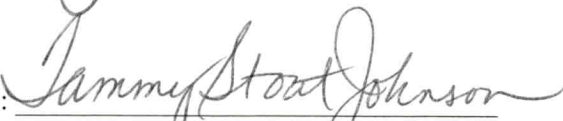
ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Jones motioned to adjourn the October 7, 2020 Regular meeting. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.


Robert Tobias, President


John Lizenby, Vice President


Mike Jones, Member

ATTEST: 
Tammy Stout Johnson, Auditor