

SPECIAL SESSION

SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DECEMBER 30, 2020

The Scott County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on December 30, 2020 at 10:00 am in the Commissioners Room, Suite 128, Courthouse. Those present were Commissioners Robert Tobias, John Lizenby, and Mike Jones. Also present were Auditor Tammy Stout Johnson and Chief Deputy Auditor Teresa Vannarsdall.

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

GENERAL INSURANCE COVERAGE RENEWAL FOR 2021 WITH ISU

Richie Buchanan of ISU presented renewal information for the general insurance coverage on liability, auto, and cyber protection for 2021. Buchanan explained that the current underwriter, Travelers, anticipated a significant rate increase. Therefore, Buchanan shopped for other options. The best price came from Liberty Mutual. Discussion of the increases in vehicle inventory, high workers compensation modification factor, improved condition of the Jail, all contributed to the final premium increase of approximately \$17,000 over the 2020 rates. Buchanan added he was pleased with the outcome of \$283,791 from Liberty because the renewal with Travelers was quoted near \$347,000.

MOTION: Jones moved to accept the general coverage through ISU and Liberty Mutual for liability, auto, workers compensation, etc. coverage in 2021. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

TRASH SITE SURVEILLANCE; STAR AND TRANSFER STATION FUNDS

The trash collection site at Finley Firehouse was cited by IDEM for dumping. Several bags of trash have been left at the collections site outside of hours. IT Andrew Campbell discussed cameras for the three (3) collections sites which would require poles to be set. Campbell reached out to Mid America for pricing on the security setup. The estimate was \$12,000 to \$15,000 per site for electric, internet connection outside of the monthly utility charges. Campbell was asked to further evaluate the sites and report back to the Board.

Auditor Johnson explained that the Star Sticker (old SASCO bags) fund was negative \$7,143 and requested authorization to make adjustments of charges to the Commissioners budget to bring the fund back in balance.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to allow the Auditor to adjust Star Fund charges to the Commissioners budget in General Fund in the amount of \$7,143. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Johnson added that the Transfer Station budget in General Fund was also in the negative \$13,110. Johnson requested authorization to move expenses to the Commissioner Timber Fund from the Transfer Station budget to offset the negative balance. The Timber fund was used another time to cover expenses.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to move expenses in the amount of \$13,110 from the Transfer Station budget to the Timber Fund for 2020, with the expectation that any future excess in the STAR or Transfer Station replace the home rule fund losses. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

EMS UPDATE; FIRE SERVICE CUSTOMER AGREEMENT

EMS Director Shannon Mount reported that equipment locks were purchased for the ambulances to meet with the new compliance standards for safety. Mount provided updated figures on the EMS budget and service runs.

Mount passed on information that Scott County is no longer considered a “rural” entity. This was learned when the Health Department tried to apply for a Narcan grant. This designation will reduce the Medicare/Medicaid reimbursements by \$2 per patient.

To improve safety, Mount recommended a control system for the traffic lights that would allow response vehicles to turn the traffic light green upon approach. Mount said he would reach out to other emergency responders and get pricing information.

Mount requested approval for a customer service application with Fire Service, Inc. Vehicles Sales and Service.

MOTION: Jones moved to approve the customer service application to Fire Service Inc. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Highway Supervisor Jill Baker informed the Board that Attorney Houston made changes to the sample high water ordinance. Commissioners agreed to modify the draft by adding notification requirements for towing services and more clarification on who tickets the violators.

Baker reported that all Road Supervisors have trucks now since the purchase of the new truck. Baker hired two (2) new employees since the last meeting. A citizen spoke regarding concerns he had on a clay pipe under Marshfield Road near the entrance to Green Acres subdivision. Lizenby requested that all work closely with Baker and Attorney Houston regarding the issue.

Baker read aloud her statement to the Commissioners on her years of service and the recent events that brought her to the resignation announcement as Highway Supervisor, with her last day being January 15, 2021.

END OF YEAR CLAIMS CONSIDERATION

Commissioners reviewed and considered payment of the claims on the final docket for 2020.

MOTION: Jones moved to approve payment of the claims as presented on the 2020 final docket. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL RATIFICATION/APPROVAL FOR DECEMBER 18, 2020 & DECEMBER 31, 2020

Dockets for the December 18, 2020 and December 31, 2020 Payroll were presented for consideration and ratification.

MOTION: Jones moved to approve and ratify the December 18, 2020 and December 31, 2020 Payroll Dockets as presented. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF NOVEMBER 18, 2020 MINUTES

The minutes from the November 4, 2020 Regular meeting were presented for review and approval consideration.

MOTION: Jones moved to approve the Regular meeting minutes from November 18, 2020 as written. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING OFFICIALS AND DISTRICT #1 ROAD SUPERVISOR DANNY PATE

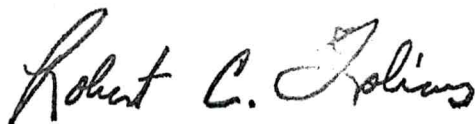
Tobias presented a plaque to outgoing Recorder Marilyn Kundysek, thanking her for a job well done.

Tobias then recognized the retirement of District #1 Road Supervisor Danny Pate. Tobias thanked Pate for his many years of service to Scott County. Tobias commented on Pate's ability to work well with people.

Lizenby then presented a plaque to outgoing Commissioner Tobias. Lizenby also read a letter from Mayor Terry Amick followed by a letter read by Highway Supervisor Baker. Tobias stated it was an honor and privilege to serve Scott County. Over the years, Tobias had served with many individuals with the sole purpose of making the County a better place. Tobias said in the end, it's not about the politics because we are all friends and neighbors. Tobias wished the best for the remaining and incoming Officials.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Lizenby moved to adjourn the December 30, 2020 Special meeting of the Scott County Commissioners. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

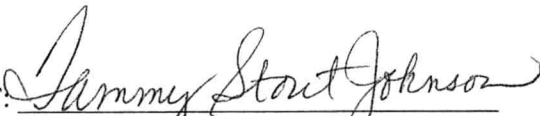


Robert Tobias, President



John Lizenby, Vice President

Mike Jones, Member

ATTEST: 
Tammy Stout Johnson, Auditor