

**REGULAR SESSION**

**SCOTT COUNTY COUNCIL**

**October 10, 2023**

The Scott County Council met in Regular Session on October 10, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Room, Suite 128, Courthouse. Those present were Council Members: President Lyndi Hughbanks, Vice President JR Ward, John Collins, Eric Gillespie, John Miller, and Jonathon White. Council Members absent: Diane Mullins. Also present were Auditor Jennifer Rode Hamelman, Chief Deputy Auditor Deborah Richey and Attorney Heather Archibald Peters.

The meeting was called to order by President Hughbanks, who opened the meeting with roll call, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

President Hughbanks opened the meeting for public comments:

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Raymond Dean: Has a son that is Chief Deputy here in Scott County is asking the Council to do the right thing. He feels as if Sheriff Goodin has been treated poorly by elected officials and requested the Council let the bitterness go.

Donna Schultz: She has four kids in the County School District and wants Shawn Mayer to stay in the schools and wants raises for the Sheriff Department.

Rusty Johns: He's been in Clark County for twenty-five years and Scott County for three years. He thinks Sheriff Goodin is a very honorable Sheriff.

Marcella Campbell: Supports Sheriff Goodin and thinks this is a personal vendetta. She requested the Council look at what is best for the County and the taxpayers.

Phil Granger: From Chicago and has been with the Chicago Police Department since 1968. He is in full support for Sheriff Goodin.

President Hughbanks closed Public Comments to start the meeting.

**JUDGE MOUNT-CIRCUIT COURT**

Attorney Peters spoke to Judge Mount and discussed that there was no reason to show up tonight. He has Grant funding for 2023 and 2024. The council will have a special meeting in the future to secure the additional appropriations.

**KELLI JETTE-CHILDRENS ADVOCACY SERVICES**

The Childrens Advocacy Center facilitates interviews for abused children and provided resources for abused and neglected children, and children who have witness drug abuse and witness to homicide etc. They also provide families with medical and mental health counseling programs. Plus, they can provide supplies for their school and clothing. Childrens Advocacy Center has three locations Dillsboro, Madison, and Greensburg. From 2018 we have more cases, currently One hundred fifteen cases in Scott County. Mandated Reporter Training includes staff and bus drivers are included. If a child makes a statement, you are required to report it.

The Childrens Advocacy Services is asking for budgetary funding for 2024 year.

**MOTION:** White moved to approve County Council Ordinance 2023 -7 for an additional appropriation of \$25,000 from Unrestricted Opioid Settlement fund to Professional Services. Collins provided the second. Motion carried six to zero.

### DENISE VAUGHN-VETERAN SERVICES

Vaughn requested a line-item transfer of \$3,500.00 from Salaries and Wages to Office Supplies. She is working with Andrew Campbell to get a Copier/Printer.

Vaughn invited everyone to come in on Mondays since this is their walk-in day so they can see how they are running things in the Veteran Office.

**MOTION:** Gillespie moved to approve County Council Resolution 2023-2 allowing line-item transfer of \$4,500.00 from Salaries and Wages to Office Supplies. Wared provided the second. Motion carried six to zero.

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### KEVIN HALL-HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Hall and Derrick Towle reported on what is needed to progress with Bridge 28 (Ox over Leota Road) for Federal Funding.

Hall requested a line-item creation for Bridge 28 on Leota Road over OX Creek Bridge #28-line creation in 1135 Bridge Fund.

**MOTION:** Miller moved to approve the line-item creation for Bridge 28 in Bridge Fund 1135. Ward Provided the second. Motion carried six to zero.

Hall requested a transfer of \$10,000.00 from Bridge Fund 1135 into newly created line-item Bridge 28.

**MOTION:** Collins moved to approve County Council Resolution 2023-3 allowing the transfer of \$10,000 from Bridge Fund 1135 into the newly created line-item Bridge 28. Miller provided the second. Motion carried 6-0.

Hall also requested a transfer of \$10,000.00 from line-item Contractual Striping into Salt.

**MOTION:** Ward moved to approve County Council Resolution 2023-3 allowing a line-item transfer of \$10,000 from Contractual Striping to Salt. White provided the second. Motion carried six to zero.

Hall requested an additional appropriation of \$35,000.00 from Fund 1176 into Equipment Repair.

**MOTION:** White moved to table the \$35,000.00 additional appropriation from fund 1176 to Equipment Repair until the November meeting to see what needs to be repaired. Collings provided the second. Motion carried six to zero.

Hall presented a grant application for Bridge 28 to secure Federal Funding to replace Bridge 28. This will require budgeting From Cum Bridge fund of about \$325,000 a year through construction in 2030. Inflation is accounted for, and the design is flexible. There was consensus from the Council to apply for a grant, but the Council was cautious of signing for something that wouldn't be completed in their term of office. Attorney Peters suggested a special meeting in November, but the Call Out for the grant is October 30 2023. Derrick Towle explained the grant required signatures from the Council and Commissioners to be considered.

**MOTION:** Miller moved to sign the Grant Form. White provided the second. Motion carried six to zero.

## JERRY GOODIN-SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Ward read a statement appreciating the Sheriff Department and letting the public know that Scott County wouldn't be the same if it wasn't for them. He also read the facts about the upcoming budget of Scott County. In 1991 Scott County had a growth of 21,242 people with a five percent annual growth reported as of July 2022 we have 24,588 according to the Census website. Also recorded on the Census website Scott County has a median income of \$45,794.00. The budget in 2023 started with \$1.9 million in the red. The funding for the Sheriff Department is funded in two separate ways. Sheriff Goodin had a budget of \$1.2 million in 2023. Sheriff Goodin requested a raise for 2024 with an increase of \$1.6 million for the police side which is a \$400,000 dollar increase. The jail side started with \$1.3 million in 2023 and requested an increase in 2024 with \$1.5 million which is a \$200,000 increase to this County. Total requested of \$600,000 of revenue for 2024. Gateway is a website that tracks many different things but one of which is salaries mainly for all public officials. Sheriff Goodin has 13 on payroll, four of them have been employed less than one year as full-time. When Sheriff Goodin walked into the office he was fully staffed and fully funded as a Sheriff department. The Council stands firm on their decision and cannot sustain a five-dollar increase.

President Hughbanks read a statement from Jason Semler who is a partner with Baker Tilly. Baker Tilly was hired by Scott County to assist with the 2024 budget. They reviewed the Sheriff Department budget checking all three funds LIT Special Purpose, LIT Public Safety and General Fund. When Baker Tilly looked at all County departments, they determined too much money from the General Fund would be allocated to the Sheriff Department at the expense of the rest of the County. Hughbanks asked Sheriff Goodin if he had anything new to approach them with. Sheriff Goodin replied this was the sixth time he had come before the Council asking for the pay increase for his department.

Sheriff Goodin requested that he be allowed to speak to the Council without interruptions from the board members. He stated that Scott County hasn't had much growth in the last twenty years because the crime had become so bad. Fast forward six years since he became Sheriff and the department has earned a Crime Stopper award. Business has gone up and real estate has gone up and everyone wants to move to Scott County. Sheriff Goodin mentioned he lost a Federal Grant when Jacqueline Schofner left. Sheriff Goodin mentioned he has lost a lot of deputies because of the pay rate.

**MOTION:** Ward moved to call for a vote for the five- dollar per hour pay increase for the remainder of 2023. Collins provided the second. Motion failed with a vote of zero to six.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Andrea Soloe, President of the Scott County District 2 School Board made a statement while Sheriff Goodin was in the room stating SCSD2 wants the partnership to continue with their SRO's but if this cannot happen, they will need time to work on this to keep their students safe.

## JENNIFER HAMELMAN-AUDITOR & MISSY APPLGATE- TREASURER

Auditor Hamelman and Treasurer Applegate requested an additional appropriation of \$288,492 from ARPA funds to purchase Low Software. Applegate presented the forms from Low Software for the additional appropriation of \$288,492 and showing that it could be broken into payments.

**MOTION:** Collins moved to approve Ordinance 2023-3 allowing the additional appropriation of \$288,492 from ARPA Funds for The Low Tax software in a one-time payment. Ward provided the second. Motion carried six to zero.

**CELL PHONE STIPEND – BAKER TILLY**

President Highbanks requested to table the additional appropriations for the Cell Phone Stipends and the Baker Tilly Invoices. Attorney Peters explained this was necessary due to not advertising correctly for the public hearing.

**MOTION:** Collins moved to table the additional appropriations for the Cell Phone Stipends, Baker Tilly Invoices to the October 30, 2023, meeting to allow for advertisement of a Public Hearing. Ward provided the second. Motion carried six to zero.

**COUNCIL- ESTABLISH POLICY**

Attorney Peters explained that this was a policy that came out when the Covid emergency shut down public meetings. She did not see this Resolution or the policy and wants to revisit this in the October 30, 2023, meeting.

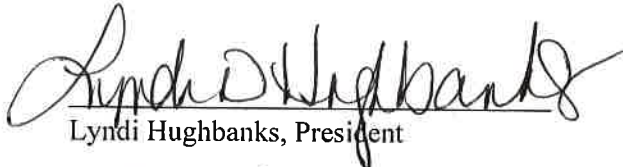
**CONSIDERATION OF CORRECTED REGULAR MINUTES**

Consideration of corrected Regular Meeting minutes from August 08, 2023, were presented for approval. Minutes of September 12, 2023, were not available.

**MOTION:** Collins moved to approve the corrected Regular Meeting minutes of August 08, 2023. White provided the second. Motion carried six to zero.

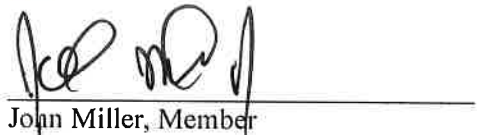
**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business, Ward moved to adjourn the October 10, 2023, Regular Meeting. Gillespie provided the second. Motion carried six to zero.

  
Lyndi Highbanks, President

  
John Collins, Member


  
JR Ward, Vice President

  
John Miller, Member

  
Eric Gillespie, Member

  
Jonathon White, Member

  
Diane Mullins, Member

ATTEST:   
Jennifer Rode Hamelman, Auditor