

**WORKSHOP SESSION**  
**SCOTT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**August 22, 2023**

The Scott County Council met in Workshop Session on August 22, 2023, at 6:00 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. Paige Sansone with Baker Tilly was present via zoom meeting.

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

**CHRIS OWENS- PROSECUTOR**

Owens stated that he has lost two Deputy Prosecutors due to the low salary that Scott County is currently offering. He was only able to replace one of them and despite aggressive recruiting only received one applicant. He has positions for six attorneys, two state funded and four county funded. Owens requested to split the funding for the vacant attorney position to the remaining three attorneys for the remainder of 2023 and for 2024. He did not want to vacate the remaining position in case he would need to reinstate it in the future. The three remaining attorneys have agreed to try to carry the caseload for the extra pay. This will bring the First Trial Deputy from \$79,000.00 to \$95,000.00 and the other two Deputy Prosecutors from \$67,000.00 to \$79,000.00. His staff is doing the required work with 80% of the prosecutors needed and only 30% of the support staff. They work together and are very efficient.

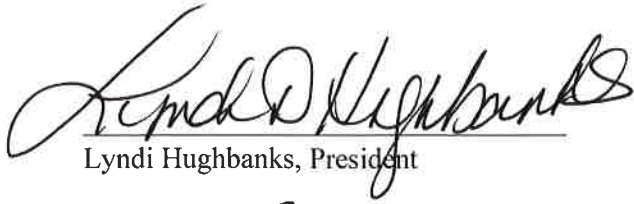
**JERRY GOODIN – SHERIFF**

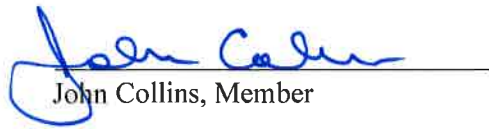
Goodin is requesting the five dollar an hour increase that he requested in the August 8, 2023, Council meeting that was tabled to involve Baker Tilly Staff. He and his staff have worked with Paige Sansone of Baker Tilly and show that the salary increase is sustainable through 2024. Hughbanks asked what was cut to produce the funding. Goodin replied that a lot of it came from part-time and overtime pay. Goodin stated that he has “skin in the game” and needs to take care of his employees to get a good return for his investment. Doug Herald and Amy Beverly have worked diligently with Paige Sansone and Sheriff Goodin to create the budget that will sustain the increased salary. There are grants that are at risk if certain employees are lost. This Budget utilizes all the LIT Special Purpose and some of the LIT Safety Fund. There is \$200,000.00 from discretionary funds being utilized. Hughbanks thanked the Sheriff and his staff for the work they have put into this budget.

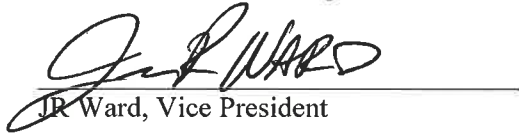
Hughbanks explained that there would be no votes on these until the September 12, 2023, meeting due to this being a Workshop Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business, Miller moved to adjourn the August 22, 2023, Workshop Meeting. White provided the second. Motion carried six to zero.

  
Lyndi Hughbanks, President

  
John Collins, Member

  
JR Ward, Vice President

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John Miller, Member

  
Eric Gillespie, Member

  
Jonathon White, Member

  
Diane Mullins, Member

ATTEST:   
Jennifer Rode Hamelman, Auditor