

**SPECIAL SESSION PUBLIC HEARING**

**SCOTT COUNTY COUNCIL**

**October 30, 2023**

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

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

President Hughbanks opened the hearing for public comments:

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business, Miller moved to adjourn the October 30, 2023, Special Public Hearing. Collins provided the second. Motion carried five to zero.

**SPECIAL SESSION MEETING**

**SCOTT COUNTY COUNCIL**

**October 30, 2023**

The Scott County Council met in Special Session on October 30, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. for a Special Session Meeting 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 hearing with roll call, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

President Hughbanks opened the meeting for public comments:

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**ACCEPT THE AGENDA**

President Hughbanks requested the Council accept the agenda.

**MOTION:** Ward moved to add County Council Resolution 2023 -7 seeking the removal of the prior Salary Ordinance directing the Sheriff Chief Deputy paid at a rate of 60% of the Sheriff's Salary. Miller provided the second. Motion carried six to zero.

#### JUDGE MOUNT-CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Mount requested that a line-item creation and an additional appropriation be made to support the newly gained Probation Officer ready to begin work in Scott County on October 31, 2023.

**MOTION:** Ward moved approve County Council Ordinance 2023-5 creating a new line-item Veteran's Court Probation Officer in fund 0235 Probation and allowing a \$17,500.00 additional appropriation into the newly created line. Miller provided the second. Motion carried six to zero.

#### KEVIN HALL-HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

**MOTION:** Collins moved to approve County Council Ordinance 2023-6 allowing an additional appropriation of \$35,000.00 from fund 1176 to Equipment Repair. Motion died due to lack of a second.

**MOTION:** Collins moved to table County Council Ordinance 2023-6 allowing an additional appropriation of \$35,000.00 from fund 1176 to Equipment Repair until the November 14, 2023, meeting and Hall could be present to explain what repairs he needed. Ward provided the second. Motion carried 6-0.

#### CELL PHONE STIPEND

Cell Phone Stipend Resolutions passed by the Commissioners were presented for additional appropriations and line-item creation.

**MOTION:** Ward moved to create a new line-item 3407 for Cell Phone Stipends. Miller provided the second. Motion carried four to two, with White and Gillespie voting no.

**MOTION:** Collins moved to approve Ordinance 2023-7 allowing the additional appropriation of \$16,000.00 from General Fund to Cell Phone Stipends. Miller provided the second. Motion carried four to two, with White and Gillespie voting no.

#### BAKER TILLY INVOICE

An additional appropriation is required to pay the invoice for Baker Tilly Services for creating the Comprehensive Financial Plan and Budget Planning and Preparation services.

**MOTION:** White moved to approve Ordinance 2023-8 allowing the additional appropriation of \$20,754.00 from TIF to Professional Services to pay the Budget Planning and Preparation invoice. Collins provided the second. Motion carried six to zero.

**MOTION:** White moved to approve Ordinance 2023-9 allowing the additional appropriation of \$30,000.00 from TIF to Professional Services to pay the Comprehensive Financial Plan invoice. Collins provided the second. Motion six to zero.

Gillespie requested a final copy of the 2023 Comprehensive Financial Plan.

**ESTABLISHING A MEANS OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Attorney Peters presented Resolution 2023-6 explaining that this was brought about by the Covid shutdown in the past and allows Council Members to participate in meetings by any means of electronic communications. To participate in meetings by electronic devices, there must be a Resolution and Policy in place, fifty percent of the members must be physically present, can only participate if there is sound and video and can only participate in fifty percent or less of the meetings by electronic device. Miller questioned if the Resolution had to be passed before members could participate by electronic device and Attorney Peters confirmed that it had to pass first. Gillespie questioned if the State Statute could be added to or subtracted from. Attorney Peters explained that requirements and stipulations could be added to a State Statute, but nothing can be subtracted from a State Statute.

**MOTION:** Ward moved to approve Resolution 2023-6 allowing the participation in public meetings by electronic device. Miller provided the second. Motion six to zero.

**REPEAL OF SHERIFF CHIEF DEPUTY PAY**

Resolution 2023-7 was presented to repeal the practice of the Sheriff Chief Deputy receiving sixty percent of the Sheriff annual salary.

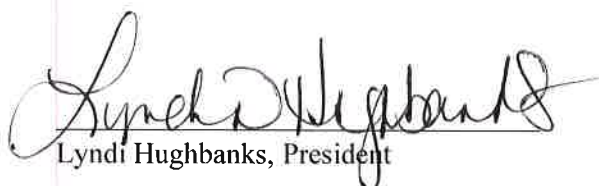
**MOTION:** White moved to approve Resolution 2023-7 repealing the practice of paying the Sheriff Chief Deputy sixty percent of the Sheriff annual salary. Ward provided the second. Motion six to zero.

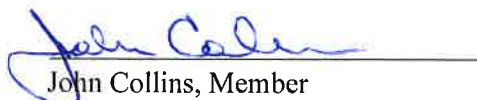
**CONSIDERATION OF CORRECTED REGULAR MINUTES**

Minutes from September 12, 2023, and October 10, 2023, Regular meetings and the minutes from the August 24, 2023, Workshop meeting and the Budget Hearing minutes from September and October were not available.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business, Miller moved to adjourn the October 30, 2023, Special Meeting. Ward provided the second. Motion carried six to zero.

  
Lyndi Hughbanks, 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