

REGULAR SESSION PUBLIC HEARING

SCOTT COUNTY COUNCIL

APRIL 16, 2024

The Scott County Council met in Regular Session on April 16, 2024, at 5:45 p.m. for a Public Hearing in the Commissioners Room, Suite 128, Courthouse. Council Members present were President Lyndi Hughbanks, Vice President JR Ward, John Collins, Eric Gillespie, and Jonathon White. Council Member absent were Diane Mullins and John Miller. Also present were Auditor Jennifer Rode Hamelman, Chief Deputy Auditor Deandra Burton and Attorney Heather Archibald Peters.

The Public Hearing was called to order by President Hughbanks who opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation given by Eric Gillespie.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

READING OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

President Hughbanks read the list of Additional Appropriations to be presented during the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, Vice President Ward moved to adjourn the April 16, 2024, Regular Public Hearing. White provided the second. Motion carried five to zero.

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

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The Scott County Council met in Regular Session on April 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. for a Regular Meeting in the Commissioners Room, Suite 128, Courthouse. Council Members present were President Lyndi Hughbanks, Vice President JR Ward, John Collins, Jonathon White, and Eric Gillespie. Council Member absent were Diane Mullins and John Miller. Also present were Auditor Jennifer Rode Hamelman, Chief Deputy Auditor Deandra Burton and Attorney Heather Archibald Peters.

The meeting was called to order by President Hughbanks who opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation given by Eric Gillespie.

President Hughbanks read a statement explaining that due to personal demands caused by the health of immediate family members she was stepping down as President of the Council.

MOTION: White moved to amend the agenda to restructure the board. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously five to zero.

MOTION: White moved to appoint Vice President Ward to President and President Hughbanks to vice President. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously five to zero.

President Ward conducted the remainder of the meeting.

CHRIS OWENS-PROSECUTOR

Prosecutor Owens thanked Vice President Hughbanks for her service. He is increasing the Salary of Deputy Prosecutor to \$95,000.00 by transferring \$16,000.00 from Chief Deputy Prosecutor to Deputy Prosecutor. This is an entry level salary, but a former Prosecutor has agreed to return to her position when the salary is increased.

MOTION: White moved to approve Council Resolution 2024-R-2 approving transfer of appropriations of \$16,000.00 from 1170.11135.00000.0009 Chief Deputy Prosecutor to 1170.11123.0000.0009 Deputy Prosecutor. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously four to zero with Gillespie stepping out of the room.

MOTION: White moved to approve Council Ordinance 2024-OR-26 to create a line to be determined. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously five to zero.

MOTION: Collins moved to approve the Amendment to the Salary Ordinance to reflect the Criminal and Child Support Prosecutor salary change to \$95,014.40. White provided the second. Motion carried unanimously five to zero.

JUDGE HOWSER-SUPERIOR COURT

Judge Howser requested a transfer of \$500 from Postage to Law Books and a transfer of \$2,663.00 from Transcripts to Law Books.

MOTION: Collins moved to approve Council Resolution 2024-R-3 approving transfer of appropriations of \$2,663.00 from 1000.13401.00000.0201 Transcripts to 1000.27100.0000.0201 Law Books and \$500.00 from 1000.31200.00000.0201 Postage to 1000.27100.0000.0201 Law Books. Ward provided the second. Motion carried unanimously five to zero.

JUDGE MOUNT-CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Mount requested an Additional Appropriation of \$5,022.00 to Pauper Transcripts. There is currently a shortfall of \$3,500.00 due to a claim being paid in 2024 instead of 2023. The Additional Appropriation will bring the account back to the \$1,500.00 that was budgeted for 2024.

MOTION: White moved to approve Council Ordinance 2024-OR-27 approving additional appropriations of \$5,022.00 from General Fund to 1000.13401.00000.0232 Pauper Transcripts. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously five to zero.

SHERIFF GOODIN-SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Goodin asked for a moment of silence for the Hendrix County Sheriff Department in the loss of an officer in the line of duty this morning.

Sheriff Goodin presented the outstanding invoice to pay for the three Sheriff Vehicles purchased from Bloomington Ford in March of 2023. President Ward explained how the budget work in Scott County. Sheriff Goodin has worked with Chief Deputy Auditor Deandra Burton to find a way to pay the entire bill off today and will not have to come back next year. Sheriff Goodin asked the Council to pay the \$608.00 late from their pay because of their mistake. Gillespie said he doesn't want to be called a liar.

President Ward has spoken with Ford Motor Credit and the vehicles are not in danger of repossession at this time. He presented five options to pay for the vehicle.

1. Not pay for the vehicles and let them be repossessed, but he realizes this will cause a default for the County and not just the Sheriff Department.
2. Utilize the Rainy-Day Fund to purchase a CD from WesBanco and borrow against the CD

at 3% interest. President Ward stated this was the option he was most interested in. Sheriff Goodin asked if this would be similar to a home equity loan and asked Wesbanco Vice President Russ Comer from the audience to explain it further. He said he would be happy to explain it to anyone who wanted to come to his office.

3. Chief Deputy Deandra Burton explained that \$403,082.52 of the Jailers Salaries could be transferred from LIT Public Safety to LIT Special Purpose and pay the \$110,702.95 from LIT Public Safety and save \$15,053.57 in interest.
4. Sheriff Goodin could pay the current payment due of \$34,397.00 from his Commissary or Auction Funds. Sheriff Goodin stated that was not an option as he has been using those funds to cover the cuts in his 2024 budget.
5. President Ward also suggested a Town Hall meeting to discuss raising taxes to pay for the vehicles. Sheriff Goodin explained there was no need to raise taxes as the LIT Public Safety and LIT Special Purpose were to fund the Sheriff and Jail facilities among others and are fully funded.

Collins thought it best to Transfer funds between the LIT Public Safety and Special Purpose accounts and pay the vehicles off to save the additional interest charges. White stated that borrowing against a CD would cut the interest payment by a third. President Ward wanted to use the Rainy-Day fund and purchase the CD and borrow against that to bring the loan back into the County. White agreed with Ward and didn't want to transfer \$400,000.00 to pay \$111,000.00 note. Gillespie said that he wasn't prepared to vote tonight on this. Sheriff Goodin asked is there was an emergency and the County had to cash in the CD what the penalty would be and President Ward didn't know what the penalty would be.

MOTION: Collins moved to take a loan against a CD purchased from the Rainy-Day fund at 3% interest and the Council will meet with the Commissioners to purchase a CD and take a loan out for this. White provided the second. Motion carried unanimously four to one with Gillespie voting no.

President Ward requested the Commissary Report and Sheriff Goodin stated that it was in the Auditors office.

RUSS COMER-VISITOR COMMISSION

Comer stated the Visitor Commission had about \$488,000.00 and the Council had limited them to about \$100,000.00. He is asking for additional appropriation of \$100,000.00 immediately and the entire account in a month and he is willing to give the Council an itemized report in return. President Ward asked if \$100,000.00 would keep the Visitor Commission afloat for the next month. Comer stated the money is there to spend.

MOTION: White moved to approve Ordinance 2024-OR-28 requesting Additional Appropriations of \$100,000.00 from fund 7304 InnKeepers Tax Fund into line 7304.32204.00000.0000 Other Services. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously five to zero.

MISSY APPLGATE-TREASURER

Treasurer Applegate requested the Council approve a fund and line creation for the Treasurer Technology Fund.

MOTION: White moved to approve Ordinance 2024-OR-29 requesting fund and line creations for the Treasurer Technology Fund. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously five to zero.

NICK OLECK-EMS

Director Oleck requested a fund and line creation for the Paramedic Program. Gillespie praised Director Oleck and the EMS/Paramedicine program for helping Senior Citizens get their medications sorted and organized. Currently, 22 Senior Citizens are receiving help in this matter.

MOTION: Gillespie moved to approve Council Ordinance 2024-OR-30 creating a discretionary non-reverting discretionary fund and new line in the budget for Fund TBD and Location 0000 numbered TBD. White provided the second. Motion carried unanimously five to zero.

MOTION: White moved to create three lines items in fund 9185 Community Paramedicine for Equipment, Vehicle Purchase and training and seminars. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously five to zero.

Director Oleck began a conversation about a 2025 Ambulance Truck purchase looking at possible demos with a March 2025 delivery. Trading in a truck is not an option and could possibly sell a truck with 100,000 miles for \$35,000.00-\$40,000.00.

JEREMY MCDANIEL-EMA

Director McDaniel requested approval of the purchase of a 911 phone system that has an additional contract with an additional cost of \$21,000.00 per year that can be paid from 911 funds. He is looking for Readi 2.0 to refresh the system.

JEFF CASE-VIENNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Case requested funds to replace the 55-year-old roof on the Firehouse with unrestricted Opioid Settlement funds. He presented a quote of \$38,786.00 from Royalty Roofing. Gillespie questioned only one quote and since the guidelines allow for having only one quote for amounts under \$50,000.00 it passed. This was not advertised and will be brought for approval at the May Meeting.

KEVIN HALL-HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Superintendent Hall explained that an Interlocal Agreement is being drafted for Jefferson County, Indiana and Scott County, Indiana Highway Departments to share Chip Seal Equipment to spread the cost out and manage road preservation better. White commented that was the stupidest decision ever made because Chip Seal roads are very dangerous to motorcycle riders. Collins inquired if Chip Seal should be contrasted as paving has been recently. Attorney Peters cautioned that Interlocal Agreements are only good for two years and would have to be revisited. Superintendent Hall stated that Scott County has over \$22,000,000.00 in pavement and the Council is not interested in preserving it but requires preservation for County owned parking lots and that doesn't make sense.

Superintendent Hall reported that fifty percent of the County small structures have been inspected and evaluated for repairs needed. He will be using CCMG funds for small structures repair and replacement in 2024.

2024 BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The tabled Board Appointment of Adam Bomar as the River Hills representative for the Council during the March meeting had to be changed as the appointment must be a Council member. Vice President Hughbanks was appointed to the River Hills Board as the Council appointee.

MOTION: White moved to approve the appointment of Vice-President Hughbanks to the River Hills Board. Gillespie provided the second. Motion carried unanimously four to zero with Vice President Hughbanks abstaining from the vote.

BAKER TILLY-CONTRACT

The Baker Tilly contract was tabled until Attorney Peters could review and compare previously signed contracts.

MOTION: Collins moved to table the Baker Tilly Contract until Attorney Peters could review. Gillespie provided the second. Motion carried unanimously five to zero.

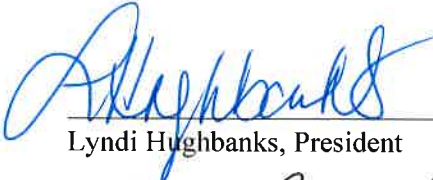
CONSIDERATION OF REGULAR MINUTES

Minutes from the March meeting were not available,

MOTION: Collins moved to table the minutes. White provided the second. Motion carried unanimously five to zero.

ADJOURNMENT

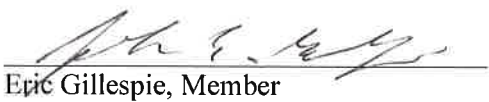
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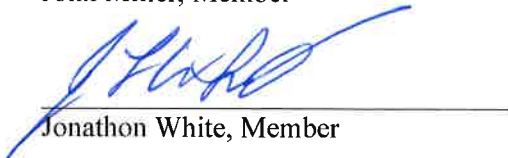

Lyndi Hughbanks, President


John Collins, Member


IR Ward, Vice President

ABSENT
John Miller, Member


Eric Gillespie, Member


Jonathon White, Member

ABSENT
Diane Mullins, Member

ATTEST: 
Jennifer Rode Hamelman, Auditor