

REGULAR SESSION PUBLIC HEARING

SCOTT COUNTY COUNCIL

MAY 14, 2024

The Scott County Council met in Regular Session on May 14, 2024, at 5:45 p.m. for a Public Hearing in the Commissioners Room, Suite 128, Courthouse. Council Members present were President JR Ward, Vice President Lyndi Hughbanks, John Collins, Eric Gillespie, John Miller, Diane Mullins, and Jonathon White. 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 Ward who opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation given by Eric Gillespie.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Reiter with 4 Public Safety made many comments about his lack of confidence in the seven Council members and their leadership, especially concerning the Sheriff Budgets and is worried about the safety of the County. President Ward asked what area of the County Chris Reiter was from and he stated he was not from Scott County. President Ward then requested Chris Reiter leave the meeting. Mr. Reiter refused to leave at which time President Ward requested Sheriff Goodin remove Mr. Reiter from the room. Sheriff Goodin stated that he was required by Indiana State law to remove Mr. Reiter at the Council request but disagreed due to hindering Mr. Reiter's freedom of speech.

President Ward inquired if there were any comments about the Additional Appropriations and there were none.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, White moved to adjourn the May 14, 2024, Regular Public Hearing. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously seven to zero.

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

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The Scott County Council met in Regular Session on May 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. for a Regular Meeting in the Commissioners Room, Suite 128, Courthouse. Council Members present were President JR Ward, Vice President Lyndi Hughbanks, John Collins, Eric Gillespie, John Miller, Diane Mullins, and Jonathon White. 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 Ward who opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation given by Sheriff Goodin at Gillespie request.

MOTION: Miller moved to amend the agenda to move Vienna Township Volunteer Fire Department to the top of the agenda to follow Baker Tilly. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously seven to zero.

BAKER TILLY- JASON SEMLER & SUSAN COWAN

Semler gave an overview of the Redevelopment Report developed by Baker Tilly. This is information the RDC is required to file and this year it is required to present to the Council. President Ward inquired as to the need of Comprehensive Financial Plan due to the change in EMS numbers. Semler stated that the CFP is valid for at least two years. It was agreed to sign the Budget Engagement Agreement with Baker Tilly and only use as needed to keep the cost low.

MOTION: Hughbanks moved to allow President Ward to sign the Baker Tilly merger with H&F Waterloo Holdings contract. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously seven to zero.

JEFF CASE- VIENNA TWP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Case presented Ordinance 2024-OR-33 to the Council for the additional appropriation of \$37,787.00 for Royalty Roofing to repair the roof

MOTION: Collins moved to approve Council Ordinance 2024-OR-33 approving additional appropriation of \$37,787.00 from fund 1238 Unrestricted Opioid Settlement to Vienna Township Fire Department for Royalty Roofing to replace the roof. Miller provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to one, with Hughbanks abstaining.

DIANA COZART-ASSESSOR

Cozart requested \$15,000.00 for insurance in the 2024 budget and only \$10,000.00 was advertised. This left her short and she realized the insurance could be paid from 1131 Sales Disclosure Fund and is choosing to do that. The additional appropriation of \$14,000.00 from the 1131 Sales Disclosure fund as per Council Ordinance 2024-OR-34.

MOTION: Miller moved to approve Council Ordinance 2024-OR-34 approving additional appropriations of \$14,000.00 from 1131 Sales Disclosure Fund and creating account lines 12700 and 35600. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously seven to zero.

Cozart also requested the transfer of \$3,000.00 from 1000.42000.00000.0008 and \$2,500.00 from 1000.30700.00000.0008 into 1000.35600.00000.0008 Equipment Purchase as per Council Resolution 2024-R-4.

MOTION: White moved to approve Council Resolution 2024-R-4 approving the transfer of \$3,000.00 from 1000.42000.00000.0008 and \$2,500.00 from 1000.30700.00000.0008 into 1000.35600.00000.0008 Equipment Purchase for the purchase of a copier. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously seven to zero.

RUSS COMER-VISITORS COMMISSION

Comer requested the additional appropriation of \$55,100.00 from the Innkeepers Tax Fund 7304 into 7304.31201.00000.0000 for Visitor Commission grants as per Council Ordinance 2024-OR-35.

MOTION: Collins moved to approve Council Ordinance 2024-OR-35 approving additional appropriations of \$55,100.00 from the Innkeepers Tax Fund 7304 into 7304.31201.00000.0000 for Visitor Commission grants. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously seven to zero.

SHERIFF GOODIN-SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Goodin requested an additional appropriation of \$125,000.00 from Fund 1170 LIT Public Safety for \$75,000.00 into 1170.22101.00000.0005 tires and parts, \$40,000.00 1170.35104.00000.0005 uniforms, and \$10,000.00 1170.35105.00000.0005 drug buy fund as per Council Ordinance 2024-OR-36.

MOTION: Collins moved to approve Council Ordinance 2024-OR-36 approving the additional appropriation of \$125,000.00 from Fund 1170 LIT Public Safety for \$75,000.00 into 1170.22101.00000.0005 tires and parts, \$40,000.00 1170.35104.00000.0005 uniforms, and \$10,000.00 1170.35105.00000.0005 drug buy fund. Miller provided the second. Motion carried unanimously seven to zero.

White commented that using ARPA to purchase Sheriff vehicles will save money in tires and parts in the future.

AMEND THE AGENDA

MOTION: Miller moved to amend the agenda to move Andrew Campbell up the agenda to follow Sheriff Goodin due to having a guest. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously seven to zero.

ANDREW CAMPBELL-IT

Campbell introduced Ross Wells with Civic Plus to explain the benefits of their website for Scott County Government. Wells explained that Civic Plus had been in business for 25 years and has a website where citizens can find information in two clicks. This system will facilitate the mandate that all meetings be livestreamed in 2025. Campbell stated meetings are currently recorded and uploaded later and then archived. It will take up to six months to build the website and go live. The initial cost and first year maintenance of the website is \$18,243.08 and will have yearly maintenance of \$5,205. Campbell is asking for help with maintenance costs for the years 2024 and 2025. Council Ordinance 2024-OR-33 requested additional appropriation of \$19,243.08 from Fund 1238 Unrestricted Opioid Settlement Fund.

MOTION: Highbanks moved to approve Council Ordinance 2024-OR-33 requesting additional appropriation of \$19,243.08 from Fund 1238 Unrestricted Opioid Settlement Fund. Mullins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously seven to zero.

Campbell requested a Professional Service line be created in the Transfer Station Location to deposit credit card payments into.

MICHELLE SHELTON-CLERK & JEREMY MCDANIEL-EMA/911

McDaniel presented two grant applications apologizing that he had already applied due to the deadlines. The first grant application was to the Railroad for the drone program in the amount of \$5,000.00. EMA has been awarded this grant. The second grant application request was for \$3,700.00 from CEASe to help with the notification boards.

MOTION: White moved to approve the Grant Application Request for the Railroad in the amount of \$5,000.00 and the Grant Application Request for CEASe in the amount of \$3,700.00. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously seven to zero.

McDaniel and Shelton presented a Grant Application Request from FEMA. Department of Homeland Security. If the Clerk applied for the Grant, it would preclude EMA from applying, but EMA can apply for both departments and has the chance for more grant funds up to \$150,000.00 of reimbursable funds for each department.

MOTION: White moved to approve the dual grant application for the Clerk and EMA departments in the amount of \$150,000.00 reimbursable grants for each department. Miller provided the second. Motion carried unanimously seven to zero.

NICK OLECK-EMS

Oleck gave the financial report and run data showing his run volume is up 11% and his profits are up 12%. White inquired if the Paramedicine Program would be funded by grant in 2025. Oleck replied the entire program is run on overtime and he is investigating avenues that could fund the program in 2025. He would like to and is working with Brittany Combs of the Health Department for additional funding.

Oleck presented Commissioner Resolution 2024-R-6 appropriating \$51,000.00 of Unrestricted Opioid Settlement funds to build a shelter to protect the ambulances.

MOTION: Hughbanks moved to approve Council Ordinance 2024-OR-37 using \$51,000.00 Unrestricted Opioid Settlement Fund for a shelter to protect the ambulances. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously seven to zero.

Oleck advised the Commissioners have approved the purchase of a new ambulance for the rotation in 2025 that will be funded from 1151 and be a debt service of \$284,000.00 for a Demo that will be delivered June 2025. He is investigating the best avenue for financing.

Oleck explained that the monitor preventative maintenance (pm) contracts will be up at the end of 2024, and the new pm contract is \$70,000.00-\$78,000.00 and he is investigating the purchase of new monitors and equipment in comparison to these costs.

KEVIN HALL-HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Attorney Peters discussed the Inter Local Agreement with Jefferson County regarding sharing Chip Seal Equipment with Commissioner Attorney Stewart, and it is still a working document and not ready for approval.

MOTION: Miller moved to table the Inter Local Agreement with Jefferson County until more information is available. White provided the second. Motion carried unanimously seven to zero.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR EXEMPT SALARY THRESHOLD

Chief Deputy Auditor Burton explained the extra cost to the County if the new Exempt Thresholds are put in place, it could be a cost to the County of \$123,000.00 in 2025 not including any salary increases for hourly employees. The Auditor and Commissioners are investigating this further to see if the exempt positions should be moved to non-exempt or paid the additional salary.

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.

CONSIDERATION OF 2023 BUDGET MINUTES

Minutes from the 2023 budget were presented for approval.

MOTION: Collins moved approve the minutes from the 2023 budget process. White provided the second. Motion carried unanimously seven to zero.

CONSIDERATION REGULAR MINUTES

Minutes from April 16, 2024, Regular Meeting were unavailable.

MOTION: Miller moved table the April 16, 2024, Minutes. White provided the second. Motion carried unanimously seven to zero.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, Collins moved to adjourn the May 14, 2024, Regular Meeting. Miller provided the second. Motion carried unanimously seven to zero.


JR Ward, President


Lyndi Hughbanks, Vice President



Eric Gillespie, Member

Diane Mullins, Member


John Collins, Member


John Miller, Member


Jonathon White, Member

ATTEST: 
Jennifer Rode Hamelman, Auditor